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Regional Views

By Richard Gosser Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

Here it is Christmas again and nearly everyone is looking forward to a day, which more than any other day throughout the entire year is devoted to the peace for which all men yearn and for which some of them strive.

Last year at Christmas time, we were in the midst of the great General Motors strike to increase the wages of all workers of America in order that all could meet the greatly increased cost of living.

This year, there are no big strikes, but the workers and their leadership are acutely aware that the wage gains which were made earlier in the year have not only been wiped out, but that the real wages of the workers have been cut because of the continued upward spiral of prices.

In many respects, the year that has gone by since last Christmas has been disappointing to the labor movement, for it saw the final curtain rung down on the New Deal, not only because of the weakness of the man who succeeded our great leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt; but because of the revolt of the people themselves against an administration which flip-flopped back and forth and never seemed to know where it was going.

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Jersey CIO Roughs CPs

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 18 — (LPA) — The ninth annual convention of the New Jersey State Industrial Union Council-CIO, representing 250,000 members, last week rocked the Communists back on their heels with a forceful resolution declaring that Communism "is" alien to the philosophy and desires of the American people" and voicing "resentment of the Communist party and its adherents and their efforts to interfere in the affairs of the CIO."

By an overwhelming 1054 votes to 320, the convention also pledged itself to "resist and fight, in democratic fashion, all attempts of the Communist Party and its adherents in and out of the CIO to foist their policies on our organization."

How Not To Publish A Newspaper

Nearly 25,000 CIO workers from Camden, N. J. and Philadelphia joined the American Newspaper Guild-CIO picket lines around the struck Camden Courier-Post. The South Jersey Industrial Union Council sponsored a 48-hour work holiday to protest police brutality and arbitrary restrictions on picketing. The mounted police shown in the center plowed thru pickets to open a path for a delivery truck backed up to the Courier-Post delivery platform. But the truck never left with any papers. The union solidarity was so great that shipyards and electrical plants complained of absenteeism—their CIO workers were stopping work to walk picketlines. (LPA)

Local 12 Children Eagerly Await 1946 Christmas Party

Committee Completes Plans For Season's Largest Celebration

Arrangements have been completed for the season's largest Christmas party to be held Sunday, December 22, at Civic Auditorium. The party, the eighth to be sponsored by Local 12, UAW-CIO, in as many years will be given free of charge for children of Local 12 members.

Gifts, candy, nuts, apples, oranges, games and other presents will be given to the children by a fat, jolly Santa Claus and his assistants.

Entertainment consisting of music, group carol singing, moving pictures, and acts to be presented by Eddie Hanf, well-known Toledo entertainer, will feature the afternoon's festivities.

Two Professional Acts

Two professional acts will be presented consisting of Arthur Mann and his large ball balancing act and the Wolcotts presenting a better-than-average dog act.

Students of the Eddie Hanf dance studio, consisting mostly of children of Local 12 members, will present a 45-minute program consisting of songs, dances, comedy and acrobatics. One part of the performance will be "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and will consist of Santa's dolls and toy soldiers depicted by the dancers.

Several specialty routines have been prepared including acrobatic, hoop, rope novelties, drum number, suitcase dance and others.

Children Take Part

Children who will take part in the show include Jimmy Kries, Sharon Hartzell, Ruth Ann Hanf, Barbara Weinrich, Linda Leiter, Bobby Terrt, Dor-

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ILGW-AFL Asks 20% Living Cost Raise

NEW YORK (LPA)—The International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL last week demanded a 20% cost-of-living wage increase and a new five-year contract to replace the present three-year agreement as negotiations opened with five dress manufacturing associations whose 1072 affiliated firms employ more than 80,000 workers.

Other ILGWU demands included time-and-a-half for overtime for piece workers after 35 hours and an increase from 3½ to 5½ percent in employers' contributions to the union health and vacation fund.

The 26th national convention since the ILGWU was organized in 1900 will be held in Cleveland for two weeks beginning next June 16. Election of convention delegates will be held between Feb. 15 and March 15.

Duplications

In changing from one shop to another, or because of a change of address, some subscribers of the JOURNAL are receiving more than one copy of the paper. It would be of value in saving paper and costs if those who are receiving more than one paper would send in a postcard with their name and addres, former address, present shop and former shop. Better still, fill in the space below and mail or bring to he JOURNAL office.

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Taft Wants Case Bill Plus More Union Shackles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (LPA) — Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.,Ohio) who is expected to become the most powerful Republican in the 80th Congress, last week criticized the anti-labor Case Bill which will be reintroduced when Congress reconvenes.

Taft's criticism was that the Case Bill did not go far enough in its restraints on labor.

In an interview with LPA, Taft declared "I was for the Case Bill and I favor its reintroduction. And it has a great deal more chance of not being vetoed this time than before."

Described by all sections of organized labor as the most vicious piece of union-busting legislation to rear its head in Congress in decades, the Case Bill provided for a federal mediation board, a 60-day cooling off period, a ban on secondary boycotts, and would permit ruinous civil siuts against unions for alleged breach of contract, deprive unions of their collective bargaining rights when accused of violence, prohibit unionization of foremen, bar employer contributions to health and welfare funds, create fact-finding boards for public utilities disputes.

Insufficient Measures

But these measures aimed at crippling labor's rights under the Wagner Act are not sufficient for the GOP leader who may take over the chairmanship of the crucial Senate Labor and

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AN EDITORIAL — Peace And Good Cheer

Each year on December 25, millions of people actually make an attempt to radiate the spirit of the day commemorating the birth of a great spiritual leader.

There are those who see in the giving and receiving, the salutation of "Merry Christmas" and all other external recognition of the day, a hypocritical gesture which does not show the true nature of man, but which is assumed like a cloak for this one day during the year.

Such a criticism of people who take one day in the year to set aside a large measure of their baser sentiments practiced throughout the balance of the year, rather than being ridiculed, should be praised. At least, those who do forget their dislikes, prejudices and less noble sentiments, if only for one day, are the living illustration of what could be accomplished if people accepted the example of the life as well as the birthday of the gentle Carpenter of Nazareth.

However, this is not intended as a moral preachment or to indict human beings for their human nature. It is merely to become a part of the day and to express the wish sincerely made, that this will be indeed a Very Merry Christmas for everyone and that if nothing else comes from it, at least it will be for most, a day of peace and good cheer.

Christmas, more than any other day in the year, calls forth some of the finest sentiments of which men and women are capable. It is a stimulant to unselfish giving, thoughtfulness of those who are less fortunate, kindness to those who thirst for kindness, in short, a day when people really seem to make a sincere effort to sidetrack their workaday sentiments and take upon themselves a better and more generous spirit.

Of one thing we are certain, there can be no lasting world peace or international good will until a similar spirit which marks Christmas takes hold of men and influences their thinking and action. And we know that the millennium seems more remote now than ever.

And so in the absence of any good cause for hoping for peace in a world where social and economic justice struggles bitterly and constantly against great odds, we accept the opportunity afforded by this season to wish you and yours a Merry and Happy Christmas, a tiny ray of assurance that men do have nobler sentiments and will practice them when the opportunity presents itself.

Union Bank Aids Art Purchase

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (LPA) —Wall Street eyebrows shot skyward last week at a new departure in banking announced by the Amalgamated Bank of New York which is owned and operated by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers-CIO.

The bank's president, Michael M. Nisselson, disclosed that his institution will help finance the purchase of works of art and sculpture by living American artists. The plan, designed to bring live works of art into the average New York home, will permit the bank to finance, at low interest rates, the purchase of a modern American painting or sculpture by any responsible person by paying the gallery in full for the purchase, while the purchaser may repay the bank over a year or 12-month period.

CIO Says AFL Helps Bosses

ATLANTA (LPA) — A sharp attack on alleged collaboration between the AFL and employers to defeat the CIO was issued here last week by Dirctor Von A. Bittner of the CIO southern drive. Following an announcement that the CIO's victories in NLRB elections now total 288 against 52 defeats, Bittner asserted that "The CIO will not join with employers and other enemies of organized labor in its work of organizing the unorganized workers of the south. This policy is in sharp contrast with that being followed by some AFL officials in the south, who have worked hand in glove with employers to keep employes from joining the CIO."

Immediate Wage Hikes Needed To Save Economy

Economists Prepare Wage Policy Study For CIO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (LPA)—A general wage hike of 23% is required to bring real weekly earnings back to the January 1945 level and American industry can well afford the pay the increase without boosting prices.

That was the keystone of a comprehensive study titled "A National Wage Policy For 1947" prepared for the CIO by the Robert R. Nathan Associates, consulting economists, and unveiled last week.

Carefully documented with government statistics, the report will be used as a "guidepost" for CIO unions in forthcoming negotiations for second-round wage increases.

Here are some of the crucial findings of the study:

1—"On the average, in all manufacturing, an increase of about 21% in weekly earnings —without any increase in prices —would have been required in October 1946 to bring real weekly earnings back to the January 1945 level. By the end of 1946, with the present trend of prices, an increase of about 23% will be required."

Prices Have Soared

2—Prices in the past five months have soared nearly as much as in the previous 50 months.

3—Profits for the last half of 1946 are at all-time highs—far surpassing the best war years, and the records of 1929. "On an after taxes basis . . . corporate profits are approaching $15 bil-

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UAW-CIO Demands Hourly Wage Increase

Union Says Industry Able To Absorb 25% Increase

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (LPA) — A general across-the-board wage increase of 23½c an hour bringing the average rate to $1.56½ throughout the auto industry was established last week as the basic demand of the United Auto Workers-CIO in their forthcoming negotiations with the car manufacturers.

The wage demand, announced by UAW President Walter Reuther at a meeting of the union's executive board here, will be in addition to already announced proposals for an equalization fund, a social security program and a retirement plan for 900,000 UAW members in the industry.

The UAW's demand was in line with an economic study prepared for the CIO last week which showed that industry could afford to absorb a 25% wage hike this year without increasing prices.

Replies To Wilson

In reply to a claim by General Motors President C. E. Wilson that a 25% wage boost would require a 25% increase in car prices, Reuther declared that labor costs in auto production amounted to only 25% of selling prices.

"Living costs are now nearly 18% higher than last January and require that auto industry wages be increased 23½c-an-hour across the board to restore to workers the purchasing power of their hourly wages," the UAW chief asserted. He emphasized that the 18½ cents raise obtained earlier was to "restore to the workers in our industry what they had lost during he war and a result of controls which held wages to a rigid formula while the cost of living moved up rapidly."

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Akos-Scott Are Re-Elected By Glass Workers

Run-off Is Required In Local 9 Election

William Akos was re-elected on December 12 to serve his fourth term as president of Local 9, Federation of Flat Glass Workers-CIO. Akos election came as the result of a run-off vote in which he polled 1,562 to his opponents' 1,273 votes. Don Thompson was runner-up in the

William Akos Harry Scott

election in which five candidates sought the glass union presidency.

Also re-elected in the run-off election was Harry Scott, financial secretary who defeated James Coyle, 1,833 to 931.

Akos and Scott are the only two full-time salaried officers of Local 9.

Others Are Elected

Others elected in the run-off election were John Reiter, second vice-resident over Howard Heinemann, 1,628 to 1,056 and Lawrence Whittaker winning the trustee post over John Karl by a vote of 1,468 to 1,167.

George Scott was elected first vice-president at the union's first election, Dec. 5. He was unopposed.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the regular Local 9 meeting, January 3.

Local 9 consisting of 4,500 members represents the workers of four Toledo and Rossford plants of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

Another State Is Heard From

WORCHESTER, Mass. (LPA) —Communist forces took a painful beating at the Massachusetts State CIO Convention here last week, as delegates voted by a large majority to bar Communists, Nazis and Fascists from holding either elective or appointive office in the state council.

Party-liners were kept off all convention committees and were not permitted to run for the executive board.

Convention resolutions called for wage increases to compensate for increased living costs, admittance of displaced persons to the U. S., and endorsement of the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE).

Office Closed

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Local 12 dues office will close at noon, Tuesday, December 24. All other offices and the tavern will also be closed. All offices will reopen on Thursday at the usual hour.

PAC To Move To Washington

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 — The National Headquarters of the CIO Political Action Committee will be moved from New York City to Washington, D. C. within "a matter of weeks," it was announced last week by PAC Director Jack Kroll.

Mr. Kroll stated that the move to Washington was in line with the decision to concentrate practically all of PAC activity in the field," in building stronger PAC organizations for the struggles that lic ahead." In accordance with this decision, Mr. Kroll said that a great deal of the office work carried on by the National Office would be curtailed and approximately ten members of the clerical force let go.

Regarding the move to Washington, Mr. Kroll, in a letter to all PAC field units, said: "Since Washington is the center point of CIO activity, we feel that our contact with CIO International unions and other CIO groups could be furthered by being located in Washington."

Mr. Kroll emphasized that the decisions should not be interpreted as a retrenchment.

"The recent CIO convention called for intensification of political action within the CIO and for cooperation with other progressive organizations in furthering progressive political action. It is our conviction that this can be carried through by strengthening our field operations. During 1947, we will build stronger organizations for future national election contests. On the local level we will take an active part in the more than 200 state and city elections scheduled."

Typos Oppose AP

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Columbia Typographical Union, oldest union in continuous existence in the U. S., showed last week that it played no favorites in its own industry when it went on record opposing legislation which would exempt the Associated Press and similar newsgathering agencies from prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Case Strike Is Settled

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec 17 — (LPA) — Strikebound since December 26, 1945, the J. I. Case Co. farm equipment plant reopened here last week after the United Auto Workers-CIO and the management agreed on an 18c-an-hour wage increase and other contract improvements.

Voluntary dues checkoff and voluntary arbitration were also accepted by both parties. More than 900 were made idle by the walkout. Case plants at Rock Island, Ill. and Burlington, Iowa, resumed production last April but the dispute at Racine, Wis., remains unsettled.

CIO Warns Truman Of U. S. Economy

Murray Paints Black Picture--Predicts Depression

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (LPA) — If the present distorted profits picture continues, an economic collapse is bound to occur, CIO President Philip Murray warned last week in submitting a detailed analysis of the current economic situation to President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers.

Murray told the Council which will shortly make a report to Truman as required by the Maximum Employment Act, that "Industry's insatiable apetite for profits has brought about a redisribution in our national income, which, if permitted to continue, will reduce purchasing power and cause mass unemployment.

Monopoly interests, declared Murray, "have had the crowning arrogance to mobilize their vast propaganda machinery to persuade Americans, 80% of whom are themselves wage and salary earners, that 'labor' is to blame for inflationary prices, shortages and production delays.

The Council has the urgent responsibility of re-affirming the facts; that the strikes and shortages of 1946 reflected the refusal of our biggest monopolies to accept the national wage policy of the U. S. government, their refusal to bargain on terms found perfectly reasonable by government mediators, and their desire to destroy price controls by creating artificial shortages.

The CIO chief emphasized that the wage increase granted in early 1946 "provided no eco-

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Employer estimates were that the 23½c pay hike plus the equalization and old-age pension funds would jump the total increase to well over 30-cents-an hour. Under the equalization fund the highest rate paid by any section of the industry for any job classification would become the standard rate.

Increases Are Denied

"The wage demands which we are making," said Reuther, "do not require any increase in prices. It was not true in 1946 and it will not be true in 1947 that higher wages must be followed by higher prices. The answer to that lie is now being furnished by the profits which are piling up out of the high prices consumers are forced to pay.

"Corporations are coining profits at a far greater rate than ever in the past, in peace or in war," Reuther continued. "By its most recent price increase of $100 a car, General Motors doubled the profit margin it earned during the third quarter of 1946 and set the stage for tremendous futurep rofits. The same result will follow from the Chrysler increase on Dec. 1 averaging over $50 a car.

"The coming year will determine what goes into Act Three of this big business extravaganza. It is widely predicted that business is to experience a recession. This is an economist's word for reduction in prices, plant shutdowns and lay-off of workers—a short depression in which business lives off its fat and workers live on hope.

"If that," concluded Reuther, "is what 1947 holds in store for us, we shall have witnessed in compact and convicing form the tragic irresponsibility and stupidity of those top business leaders who put profits ahead of people. Within two years of the end of the war we shall have seen them sacrifice their workers, their customers, and their own security to their intemperate greed for profits.

Taft Wants Case Bill

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Education Committee.

"In addition to the Case Bill I may be in favor of compelling unions to make financial reports. We probably should study, too, a ban on jurisdictional strikes. Also—and this isn't in the Case Bill—perhaps we ought to study the limitation of the closed shop. It should be required to open its membership regardless of race or sex or creed."

Hopes For Bill

Taft obviously had high hopes that the Case Bill could be pushed through Congress without attracting too much attention or opposition.

Taft was cagey about revision of the Wagner Act—a threat advanced more and more confidently by other GOP spokesman, the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

"In view of the fact that the Supreme Court is influenced by the Frankfurter doctrine that administrative agencies should have broad discretionary powers, we should prescribe rules for NLRB practices," Taft said.

To Consider Housing

On the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill, of which he was one of the authors, Taft said he believed it would be reintroduced "very soon" after Congress reconvened.

He described the real estate lobby, which has announced it will oppose him as a presidential candidate) as "unreasonable," and pointed out that one of their chief criticisms has been of the public housing provisions of the measure.

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lion, fully one-and-a-half times the level of the best war years. Corporate profits after taxes are now about one-and-three-fourths times as high as the average of the years 1936-39.

For manufacturing corporations alone, on an after taxes basis, the picture is very similar. At the end of 1946, profits are approaching an annual rate of $8 billion. They are about 45% above the best war year, and one-and-three-fourths times as high as in 1929 and three-and-one-third times as high as the 1936-39 average."

Could Absorb Increases

4—Profit returns show that the 1946 wage increases could have been absorbed without raising the general level of prices. The same holds true today. "Manufacturing corporations, without reducing their rate of return on net worth below the high level of 6.9% earned in 1939, could grant wage increases of an annual value of about $5.1 billion, which represents 21% of the wages of all production workers. After granting such increases, manufacturing corporations would still earn about twice the average $2.5 billion profits earned in 1936-39 and almost as much as they earned at the war peak."

5—"The basic facts are clear. An increase of about 10% in hourly earnings in manufactures is required at the end of 1946 to bring real hourly earnings back to the January 1945 level; an increase of perhaps 23% is required to bring real weekly earnings back to the January 1945 level.

An increase of about 17% is required to meet the increase in the cost of living since the enunciation of the February 1946 government wage policy. In manufacturing industries alone, the end of 1946 level of corporate profits after taxes will support a 21% increase in the earnings of production workers, without any further increase in productivity, without any further expansion in volume.

Prepared Without CIO

Prepared without any guidance or assistance from the national CIO, according to President Philip Murray, the study concluded with a strong justification for a second round of wage increases.

The report also called for drastic alteration of tax and fiscal policies, curbs on monopolies and trade restraints, a long-overdue expansion of the social security system "for the maintenance of effective demand where the needs are greatest," higher minimum wage levels, and an "unquivocal restatement of public responsibility for the maintenance of full employment and a renewed determination to cooperate with other nations in the achievement of this objective."

Legion Seniority Stand Rapped

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (LPA)—The American Legion's action in calling on Congress to enact "super-seniority" legislation and in demanding other legislation to restrict all quota immigration was denounced last week by a group of the Legion's own members organized in the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires.

These "are not just harmless resolutions adopted at a convention and then forgotten", said the NCULL's monthly Newsletter. "They are authority to the Legion's full-time lobbyists in Washington to buttonhole a representative or senator and say '3,500,000 veterans want it this way'!" The NCULL then inquired:

"Did the 500,000 members of organized labor who are Legionnaires know that legislation was demanded to reinstate 'superseniority?' Did the 2,000,000 veterans of World War II who are Legionnaires know that legislation or presidential action was demanded to bar all quota immigration, including the homeless victims of concentration camps that these same veterans fought to save?"

Miners Health Hazards Hit

CHICAGO (LPA) — "Apparent weaknesses in public health programs in the nation's mining regions are deeply disturbing," Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone last week told the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

Boone headed the study of mine community health conditions under the contract signed with the government by the United Mine Workers-AFL last May. He said a survey proved that as a general rule coal mining communities are "deficient in such essential measures as adequate water supply controls, proper disposal of sewage and garbage, reasonable safeguards against contamination from human and animal wastes, protection in food and milk handling, and insect and rodent control measures."

He took coal town doctors to task because they "have evidenced very little interest in public health and preventative medicine."

Teamsters Refuse 'Hot Cargo'

CHICAGO (LPA) — A new contract covering 25,000 over-the-road drivers in 12 central states and affecting 100,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL as far west as Denver was signed here last week.

Together with new improved wage scales the drivers won a new contract clause specifying that it shall not be a violation of the contract for a driver to refuse to go through a picket line or to refuse to handle unfair merchandise.

Pay Hikes, Not Bonuses

FORT WORTH, Tex. (LPA) —A concerted drive by the nation's oil industry to substitute bonuses for bona fide wage raises will be resisted to the hilt by the Oil Workers International Union-CIO, President O. A. Knight said last week. "The 18c-an-hour increases negotiated with Sinclair represents the rock-bottom," said International Vice-president A. R. Kinstley. "OWIU will not settle for a fraction of a cent less and union committees are bargaining for the full 25c increase. The oil workers are entitled to 25 cents and will certainly accept nothing less than 18c."

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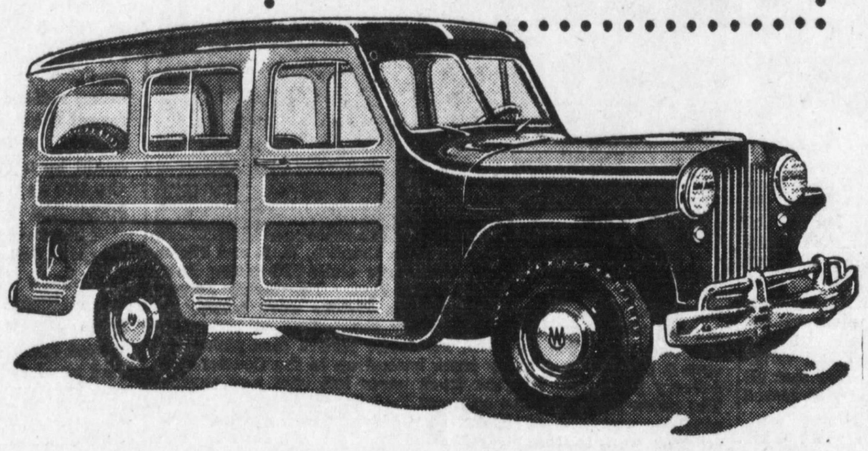

At times you need lots of room for people. The "Jeep" Station Wagon has it—*seven* full-size seats for adults, with plenty of riding comfort, thanks to deep, easy cushions, road-smoothing springs, even-keel balance.

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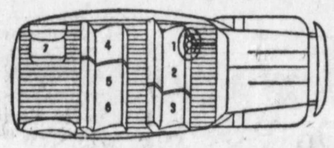

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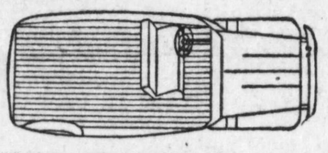
RIGHT—All seats but driver's removable—big load space—double rear doors.



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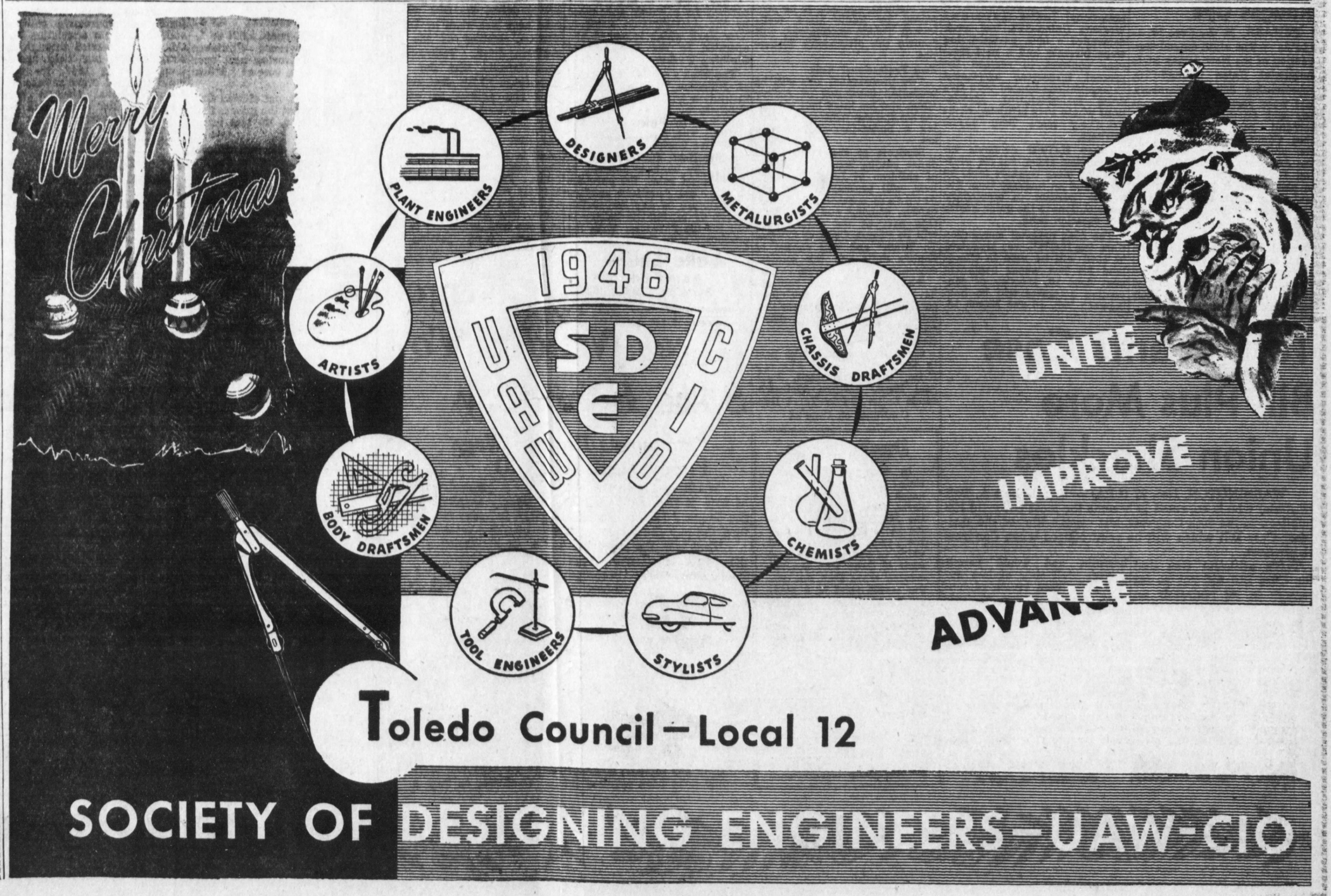

Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

Wedding bells finally caught up with Helen "Ruddy" Rudzinski of Department E, 2nd shift on Nov. 30th. Congratulations Helen.

Jim Allion, Inspector on plug tempers, 3rd shift was seen passing out cigars the other day. Reason—baby girl.

Mary Hoppe, Dept. "E", sure knocked the pins all over the alley last week. She rolled a big 510 and got on the Honor Roll.

Have you started your Christmas Savings yet at our Credit Union? If not you still have until the first of the year to do so.

The Company sure worked hard, painting the lines on the floor, and the end machine on the lines and also used wire brushes on the floor to make them look clean. Imagine doing all this work just to impress the foremen's club when they made an inspection tour of the plant on Dec. 11th. It sure looked swell, that we must admit. But what happened on Dec. 12? The same old conditions. Racks and pans scattered all over the aisles and the floors crowded and in a very congested condition. We are of the opinion that the plant should be in order at all times. What's good for the Foreman's Club to look at is also good for the Employees to work around.

Wonder why Harold Griffith from the brass machines is looking so thin lately? Is it because his better-half doesn't work in a cafeteria anymore. Stop laughing C. Decker this applies to you also.

Clem Sobczak in Dept. D, 2nd shift woke up the other morning and found his 4-month old baby had a tooth.

The Champion Spark Plug Unit basketball team was victorious in the YMCA Industrial League last week, when they downed the Toledo Police 33 to 31. In a close and hard fought game. The score now stands—Won 1—Lost 1. We'll be looking for you at the coming games.

GREETINGS

To all the swell people who have written the shop news during the past year and who have given their loyal and whole-hearted support to the JOURNAL, I want to express my appreciation and thanks and to wish everyone of you and the people in yours and all Local 12 and Region 2-B Shops a Very Merry Christmas. It has been a real pleasure to work with you during the past year and it gives me pleasure to anticipate your cooperation and assistance during 1947.

OLLIE PECORD.

National *Supply Unit News*

By J. McKnight

Just to remind you of two important dates for your recretion and support. The feather party being held at the Milburn Hotel Monday eve. Dec. 23 sponsored by our Credit Union and the New Year's Eve party in parlor A at Local 12. Everyone is welcome. Tickets for the New Years party may be purchased from your steward or Comitteeman.

Another important date to mark on your calendar is Sunday, Dec. 22. This is a regular meeting for our Unit and more reading of the contract will be heard.

Friday the 13th may be unlucky for some people, but it was a red letter day for Frank Quackenbush, Jr., Dept. 40. On that day Frank's wife presented him with a baby girl. Congratulations.

The stork was a very busy bird last week. Frank Zachman, tool crib, and Jay Welker of maintenance were both proud fathers. Congratulations to both of you boys.

When the bowling sheets came out last week Bob Sloan's name was omitted from the 200 club. Bob rolled a 224. We hope this squares things for our mistake, so take that "I-want-to-murder-someone" look off your pan Bob.

You were right fellows and we were wrong. That must of been dirt under Howard McGee's nose. It's not there any more. Wonder why?

Another fine fellow who quit the shop recently is Bill Black formerly of Dept. 84. Bill was a very popular fellow among the boys and was well liked by every one who knew him.

We sure are in need of a fund to take care of our athletics. We usually are represented in different activities throughout the year but there is never any money for uniforms. Other units sponsored teams in athletics. Why can't we?

After preparing himself by investing in five suits of longies to work in a shop with reduced heat, Louie Bateman is really on the muscle. The miners went back to work and we have good heat now.

Additional Shop News On Page 8

Ragging the Scale

By Elsie Jaye

Real congratulations an' stuff to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Tippin. A nice new baby Tippin, making four—all boys.

Never would you believe why Mildred Ratty comes in at 7:30 p. m. So's she can go home at 4.

And a baseless rumor without foundation has it that our "friend," Robert Brown, is taking over a farm donated by pappy-in-law.

The friendship of long standing between Porky Hogg and Nurse Hazel Duval has paid off, and now Pork has all the salt tablets he wants to throw at us. He even tried out a slingshot on the lower anatomy of William Kenny which resulted in violent reaction, and a broken slingshot.

Wonder where Emery of the tool crib got the idea that "you can't collect a buck from me!"

The girls of the Tolesco Sorority held a Christmas party on Tuesday night, with Mr. McIntosh in attendance, sitting on the left of Miss "B," Ginny Banach to many of you. She is president of the sorority and made most of the arrangements, including the orchestra of our good friends Al and Helen Fletcher and Whitey Whiteford.

E. Harvey (not the rabbit) Parker is attending jury duty, and we'll bet some pretty stiff verdicts were reached because E. H. warn't happy!

Have you seen the boy (?) we got to replace Bob Lincoln nites when he replayed Clyde Justus days who replaced Herm Sperr? (Whew.) Well he's already worn down to a ton. But all joshin' aside, he's a pretty good boy. Comes by the way of Spicer, where people REALLY know about a union.

We wish every reader of this column a very merry Christmas.

From The Girls

To all Local 12 officers and members as well as to Regional Director Gosser and his staff we want to extend our sincerest best wishes for a Happy and Merry Chrismas.

Local 12 Dues Office Staff.

Commutator Comments

Have you noticed the smart hair cut Ruffels Ray is wearing? He did it so his wife would get mad at him and he wouldn't have to buy her a Christmas present.

Frank Dimples Gazala says all is quiet on the home front so we can print anything we like about him.

Is Piggie Bank Joe going to pay off or do we have to break his bank? And it isn't blackmail.

Frank Wolf broke his arm and we're sorry. Hope it doesn't keep you home too long.

The crack about Julia was censored.

The executive committee extends Christmas and New Year's Greetings to all the members of the Unit, to the execuive board of Local 12 and all the members of the Region 2-B staff.

Have you heard the outlaw growling about the fur coat he's going to buy maw?

The girls bowling team took three games Sunday. It would be nice if the members would drop around to the alleys and give them some support.

John Kip says maw feeds him good and he doesn't work hard, so just what is that keeps him so thin. The work of carrying all thot food around?

English Win 44-Hour Week

LONDON (LPA)—More than 1,000,00 English machine workers will start a five-day 44-hour work week next year. A reduction in hours from 47 to 44 will be introduced without any loss in earnings.

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Best Wishes to the Officers and Members of CIO and Their Families May This Be A Merry Christmas For All of You!

Richard Lazette
President
Toledo Industrial Union Council

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Charles E. Chittenden
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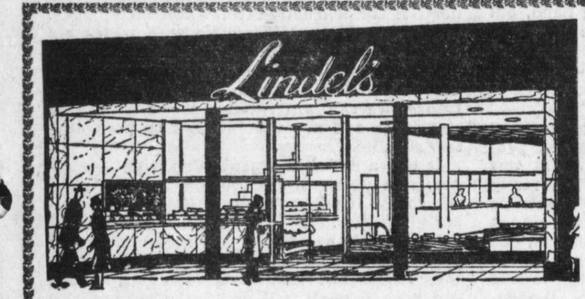

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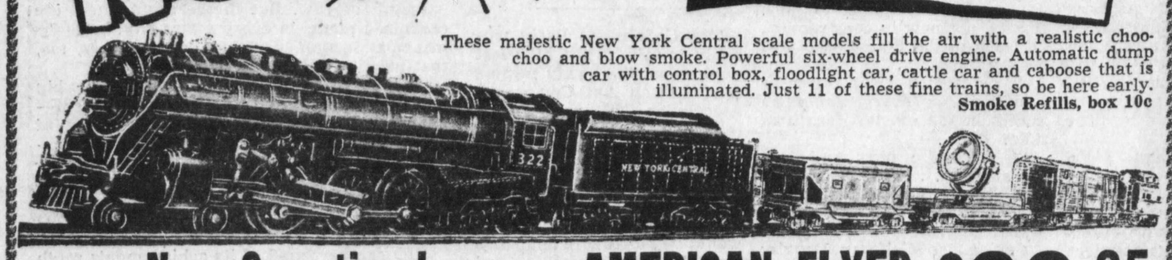

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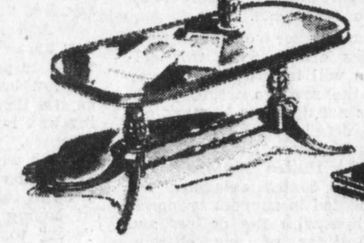

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UAW Wage Demands

Nobody was surprised at the action taken by the United Auto Workers-CIO executive board in announcing its new wage demands at its New York meeting last week.

That the 23½ cents increase is urgently needed by the employes of the automobile industry cannot be doubted in the light of the present price structure which has effectively wiped out wage increases given early this year and made severe cuts into the real wages of all workers.

In making the new wage demands on the automotive industry, the UAW-CIO is again insisting, as it insisted last year during the General Motors strike, that the wage increases can be given without an increase in the price of cars, a contention which President C. E. Wilson of General Motors is again disputing and which he is promising to resist.

Once again UAW President Walter P. Reuther is pointing to the arithmetic inherent in the production chain, pointing to wages, prices and profits and showing that the corporations are now making the largest margin of profit in history.

And again C. E. Wilson has announced that if the wages of the workers are increased by 25 per cent that the prices of cars will be increased by a similar amount.

This is, of course, the crux of the whole economic problem, a problem which cannot be solved by a constant spiraling upward of wages, prices and profits. The answer to the workers' problem is not and cannot be solved by the mere expedient of asking for and receiving general wage increases if the imbalance between wages and prices is permitted to persist.

Sooner or later there will be a showdown, or more precisely, an economic breakdown, when the system shakes itself down to realities and adjusts prices downward because of constantly increasing inventories which cannot be moved because the workers' wages are insufficient. Unemployment and want will result, but the profit takers will still continue taking their profits, possibly at a reduced rate, as long as there is anyone to buy and reduce their inventories.

Labor, having failed to hold the price line because of the stupidity of legislative, administrative and industrial dolts, now has no other alternative save to seek increased wages, at the same time recognizing that wage increases will add fuel to the fire and fail in their purpose unless wages and prices and production and consumption can be brought into a more equitable balance with each other.

Unfortunately, there is no sign that added wages will solve the problem in the light of the declarations of C. E. Wilson and his fellow industrialists, a fact which gives added weight to the dire prediction that we are again hell-bent for depression, reduced prices and mass unemployment. It's a black and dreary outlook, but those who control the system seem determined to wreck and perhaps even destroy it.

Legion Seniority

Members of the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires took occasion last week to condemn the American Legion of which they are members for its stand on demanding superseniority.

Said the labor legionnaires, "These are not just harmless resolutions adopted at a convention and forgotten. They are authority to the Legion's full-time lobbyists in Washington to buttonhole a representative or senator and say '3,500,000 veterans want it this way!'"

What the labor members of the Legion say is true, for the fact of the matter is that there are thousands of veterans who do not want superseniority and are glad that the decision of General Hershey was reversed by the Supreme Court.

In pointing out the danger of passing ill-considered resolutions and steamrollering them through a convention, whether it be the American Legion or any other organization, the labor members of the American Legion are pointing up one way of putting pressure on a Congress which scarcely will need much pressure to do anything that will prove to be embarassing to labor.

Money in circulation was off $72,000,000 last week, according to the Federal Reserve Board. If the Reserve Board is worried we can put its mind at ease. We're holding out that money in anticipation of the lifting of rent controls. What's left will just about buy us a new Chrysler.

Behind the Scenes In Politics

by Clayton Rusch
Chairman
Political Action Committee

This is the season of the year when our thoughts and emotions are, or ought to be, centered upon the great objective of Peace On Earth, Goodwill Toward Men.

Two millenium ago, the gentle but indomitable, carpenter of Nazareth, taught his doctrine which established for all time, the desirability of world peace and goodwill. Despite attacks which have been made upon the teachings of Jesus, his doctrine of the Brotherhood Of Man, is as valid and irrefutable today as ever.

Almost 2000 years later, in 1945, an event took place which established for all time the necessity of world peace and goodwill. That event was the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Even before this event took place, steps were being taken to formulate a world organization to promote world peace. The fact that over fifty of the nations of the world., have joined hands in an international organization, to prevent war, is encouraging.

This Christmas season is a very appropriate time to discuss the basis upon which a sound and lasting peace can be established and maintained. The United Nations can either become the cornerstone of a world wide industrial democracy, or fail completely in it's avowed purpose. Either high ideals will be superceded by political expediency or the fundamental reason for unity will take precedence over economic and political rivalry.

IMPORTANT

One important factor cannot be overlooked. The people of each nation must be given the opportunity to jobs at living wages with a good living standard for the entire population. Starvation and poverty in the midst of potential plenty, is incompatible with any conception of human brotherhood. Wars cannot be prevented if we fail to recognize their basic causes.

We must also realize that huge armies, navies and armmaments of the various nations have never prevented wars, nor will they prevent them in the future. A plan to turn over to the United Nations the direction and control of the atomic bomb, and all armaments, in addition to a world police force of which each nation will supply it's quota, is essential if we really mean to stop war.

Another stumbling block which must be surmounted is the proceedure for deciding basic policy. In the beginning, the newly formed organization had to overcome many obstacles to reach an understanding on fundamental issues. The veto power of the big five, was an important compromise. At that time it was necessary to secure unity. However, from this point on, if progress is to be achieved, the negative principle of the veto must be replaced with the positive principle of majority rule.

EXAMPLE

The UAW-CIO Executive Board offers a good example for a solution to the problem. Members of the UAW-CIO International Executive Board carry votes in proportion to the percentage of membership each represents.

Acceptance of the principles discussed in this column will take us a long way on the road to world peace. It is not up to us to work out the details. That is the responsibility of the delegates to the United Nations. The United States delegates are obligated to support proposals in line with the desires and aspirations of our citizens. We must accept our responsibility to give serious thought to this all-important problem.

Le us resolve this Yuletide season to do all in our power to translate into a concrete reality the teachings of One who could not be dissuaded from his purpose, although his enemies used every means of suppression, including crucifixtion of the teacher. His teachings live on. Let us make them a reality.

On behalf of the PAC officers and staff, I extend to the readers of this column our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

"PATIENCE, HERB—PATIENCE!"

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

Note: This is the second and final article dealing with the prediction recently made by American bankers that the nation was surely heading for another depression.

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Under the free enterprise system, competition must of necessity be kept fre. On the other hand, our economic system has constantly tended to monopoly, if not by actual financial control, then by agreement.

We have just witnessed price control destroyed because of the pressure put upon Congress and President Truman by the monopolists—the meat industry, real estate interests, textile and other industries. We have seen the meat industry conspire to remove meat from the markets and tables of American families and we have observed that instead of taking over the meat and other monopolistic enterprises, that both Congress and the administration have accepted their strikes and given them what they desired.

As a result of monopoly practices, competition has been wiped out by gentlemen's or other type agreements between corporations which are supposed to be competitive. This has resulted in exorbitant prices which have outstripped the cost of the products produced. As a result of this practice, effective demand has been lowered and will lead to an excess of commodities.

MUST INCREASE

Now comes the president of the General Motors, the world's richest corporation, to tell the people of the nation that if the automobile employes are given a 25 per cent increase in their wages that the price of cars must be increased by the same 25 per cent and passed on to the consumer.

G. M. President Wilson is in effect asking us to close our eyes to economic facts which the corporations themselves have been preaching for years. Wilson is telling us something that other industrialists have denied repeatedly in recent months.

Workers in every industry in the country have been exhorted by industrialists to produce more on the grounds that the more the workers produce the lower the unit cost of production will be, the higher the wages of the workers, the more competitive the industry and that greater prosperity will result.

And then, to deny his fellow-industrialists exhortations and claims, along comes G. M.'s Wilson to tell us that production doesn't mean anything, that every wage raise must be accompanied by a similar price increase and that unit costs remain the same regardless of the productivity of the workers.

Obviously, if the workers produce the amount of goods which the corporations are seeking and if the price of the increased amount of commodities is elevated in exact ratio to whatever wage increases may be given, the profits which will go to the corporations will be as a result of the workers increased productivity and the workers will soon do an effective job of working themselves into complete idleness.

WE AGREE

In the face of monopoly control and the refusal of big business to forego immediate and exorbitant profits even the bankers have now come to agree with labor leaders and economists and recognize that American workers are rapidly working themselves out of jobs.

But even though it becomes more apparent that the system of mass production coupled with large profits, high prices and low wages is self-defeating, there are so few industrialists intelligent enough or sufficiently well informed to accept the facts, that it now appears that the only way the situation will ever remedy itself is to go through another era of mass unemployment and mass suffering and run the risk of getting the very thing that the stupid leaders are trying to avoid by their so-called "free enterprise system."

And so, there seems to be nothing left to do except put a few bucks into the sugar bowl and try to cushion ourselves as much as possible for the economic system's breakdown. Meantime, a bunch of screwballs are about to go to the nation's capital there to legislate bills that will speed the day of reckoning and hurry the economic system to another of its frequent relapses.

Oh well, this is just another voice crying out in tne wilderness and nobody will pay any attention to it. And so, just to keep in tune with the spirit of the times and this joyous season of buying at high prices to give presents to people who are "dear" to us, I wish all the readers of this column a Merry Christmas and hope you'll save out a little against the "minor" depression which the bankers are now predicting for us.

The last session of Congress passed a new law—obviously aimed in part at organized labor—requiring lobbyists to register. What a roaring success it's been was demonstrated in the story of a broken-down Washington character whose chief occupation until recently was promoting two-bit shots of bourbon from fellow barflies. When the law was passed this guy saw his big chance; he rushed to register as a lobbyist and then had himself advertised around Washington and in out-of-town papers as a lobbyist. He solicited a sucker list of business firms with the assurance that he was "accredited by the Congress of the U. S.", "certified by Congress to testify before its Committees," etc., etc.

Every saloon moocher in Washington is now kicking himself, because this character now has a suite of offices, a staff of 11 people, and wears $20 hand-painted silk ties. He's got more business than he can handle. And that, kiddies, proves to you that it pays to obey the law.

Washington Labor Report

By Paul Sifton

Hand-me-down houses for heroes to live in.

This is our new national housing policy.

Perhaps you didn't know. Perhaps you thought that, when Reconstruction Finance Corp. Director George Allen won Referee Truman's decision over Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt and Wyat pulled out, we were left without a policy. Not at all.

We have a complete housing policy. It's very thorough. It will work this time just the way it worked last time. It's in harmony with the trickle-down theory of prosperity to which we are now committed. The profits must be allowed to boil to the top so they can trickle back down to us working stiffs on the bottom. It worked in the Twenties, more or less, pieced out with installment buying, until too many people ran out of something to use for money when they wanted to buy something. That's the way it'll work this time.

Our new national housing policy was announced five months ago by Arthur W. Binns of Philadelphia, president of the National Home & Property Owners Association and leader of the private housing lobby that opened the way to killing the Wyatt veterans housing program by strangling the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Housing Bill in the House after it had passed the Senate.

THE PLAN

Binns' plan, which now represents our national housing policy, was put in the Congressional Record (Page A 4777) on July 27 by Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R. Pa.)

"If we are sincere", said Binns, "in desiring to provide a good home for every American family in the shortest possible length of time . . . the thing to do is to pour into the top the greatest number of new houses . . . Providing 100,000 new homes for people who can afford them, for perhaps seven, eight or ten thousand dollars purchase price, they automatically provide 100,000 new homes for people less able to pay. Homes, not new in construction, but new to the family who will occupy them . . .

"How may a good house be provided for every American family in the shortest length of time?

"I am quite convinced that the answer . . . lies in the second, third, fourth, and fifth hand house.'

Had enough?

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D. Cal.), who cited the Binns plan during the campaign, said this was the private housing lobby's answer to the veteran—"hand-me-down houses for our heroes to live in, from foxholes to the slums of great, rich, powerful America."

Rep. Douglas was re-elected.

During the winter months veterans and others who feel a cold draft on their necks and pocketbooks may want to talk it over with Taft — by letter, wire and resolution. There's a chance of action on some sort of housing bill before the 1948 elections.

Everything isn't confusion, however. Margaret Truman is serious about becoming a professional singer—thus guaranteeing her father a job as her accompanists after the next elections.

What's New?

By Edward Duck

One thing that we all like about Christmas is the way everybody, even a lot of our enemies smiles so sweetly as they chirp "Merry Christmas" at us.

And that isn't all. It's a time for giving and receiving and a time for remembering that, "its more blessed to give than to receive."

And that isn't all. It's a time when people, even the most careful spenders, reach into their pockets and give to the Salvation Army, the Old Newsboys Goodfellow Association and other worthy causes because they get a kick out of doing things for their fellow humans at least once a year.

Maybe some people think that they do the things they do at Christmas time because its charity, or because they have compassion for those who need a helping hand, but mostly, its because they get more pleasure out of doing and giving than those who receive.

REALLY GLAD

But who am I to try and investigate what makes people do what they do at this time of the year. I'm really glad that so many people do so many nice things on at least one day of the year, and because I feel that way about it, instead of trying to dig into the reason why, I'm going to do what everybody else does.

I'm going to reach into myself and grab a handful of words and toss them down on the paper, and for me, and I hope for you too, they will mean as much or maybe more than a steriotyped card with a Christmas wish upon it.

And I'm reaching right now to come up with the words which you will hear and read dozens of times in the next few days — Merry Christmas to all.

The words are old but the sentiment is always new. I do wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that it will be for them a great day long to be remembered.

"Reds Make Pink Steel" says a dispatch from Moscow. That's nothing. They should see the red, white and blue mink our fur industry makes out of Russian muskrats.

There was a strong echo of Father Divine in the words of Senator Bilbo last week. At the end of a Congressional investigation into charges that he had intimidated thousands of Negroes away from the polls, the pride of the Mississippi swamps prepared to leave for Washington. "Everything," said Bilbo, "everything is lovely—righteousness will prevail."

A Chicago employer met the wage demands of his workers last week by pulling out a newspaper clipping which said that employes of the U. S. foreign service were getting their first raise since 855. One of the negotiators asked to see the clipping. What the boss had refrained from reading was that ambassadors and ministers had their annual pittance increased from $10,000 and $17,000 respectively to $15,000 and $25,000.

The Communist Party was ready to take to the hills last week when the newly formed American Anti-Communist Association Inc. announced that its second vice-president would be Edward Welch, publisher of "Who's Who In Throughbred Racing." The only thing that could disrupt the Communist Party more would be Moscow to announce that Tommy Manville had been named Commissar for Foreign Affairs or that henceforth the comrades wouldn't have to read the New York Times every morning to see whether the party line had changed.

We know just how big industrialists feel when they complain that unions have taken the romance out big business, that no longer does the ragged newsboy rise to become publisher of a newspaper or a barefoot puddler the chairman of the board of U. S. Steel. The CIO Department Store Employes last week negotiated a 20% pay raise for 150 department store Santa Clauses in Detroit. Now they're pledged to bring nothing but union-made goods down the chimney.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

OUR LOSS

Our loss of President Roosevelt at a most crucial period was deeper than many of us thought at the time. Ever since that day, the labor movement and the nation as a whole has seemed to get itself into a hole from which nobody in public life seems to be able to lift us.

Elimination of practically all controls, first through congressional sabotage and then by the surrender of President Truman has proved to be everything that the labor leaders and economists predicated it would be.

Without controls, the industrialists and other lines of endeaver have been able to charge the worker and public all that the traffic would bear, until in the past few months, the real wages of the people have gone down just as effectively as though actual wage cuts had been made without a change in the prices.

Because of a lack of control and a congress which was willing to do all in its power to return the country to the so-called "free enterprise" system, the workers today face a situation in which it now appears certain that wage demands must be made, but which will be seized by industry as the excuse for further inflation of prices, or by Congress to impose repressive legislation if the situation causes widespread strikes.

OUR FUTURE

Our future in the face of what has occured during the past 12 months and what we must recognize constitues a threat both on the industrial and legislative fronts is not very rosy.

But despite the difficulties with which we are confronted, despite the dangers and critical conditions which already are beginning to show themselves as we go forward to meet the future, we can win through if we believe in our cause and are wise enough to keep ourselves united.

It was a belief in organization, right principles and unity which brought us where we are today. It will not fail us, if we do not fail ourselves.

I wish all the officers and members of the UAW-CIO Locals and Units of Region 2-B, their wives and families a Merry Christmas and hope that all will determine to meet the new year with the same fine courage with which we have met and overcome the difficulties and threats of the past.

Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2-B.

The South Is Coming To Us

By
VAN A. BITTNER,
CIO Organizing Committee

Editor's Note: Due to illness, Mr. Schultz column, "From The Desk" which usually occupies this space is missing this week. However, Mr. Schultz has asked that his best wishes for a Merry Christmas be extended to the officers and members of Local 12 and to Director Gosser and his staff. The column will be resumed as soon as the Local 12 president has recovered.

There's been a lot of talk in some newspapers about an invasion of the south. That's nonsense. It gives the impression of a sworm of people coming to a hostile area—and nothing could be farther from the truth. Today, right now, with the CIO's southern organizing drive under way, we have more than 400,000 CIO union members throughout the length and breadth of Dixie. In another year or two, that number is going to climb to 1,400,000 workers, living in a dozen states and working in a dozen or more industries.

People have said to me on a number of occasions: "You know, this is just like the beginning of the CIO organizing drive in steel ten years ago. Actually, that's not altogether the case. When we first went into Chicago in 1936 to set up headquarters for the mid-west regional office of the steel drive, I didn't know a soul in the city. There were a few members of some of the older CIO unions in the city, but the automobile and steel and packing industries—the backbone of Chicago's industrial might—were completely open shop. We had to start at the ground up to build our union structure.

Now, ten years later, we are embarking on another big organizing campaign to build the strength of CIO. But in the south, there are organized plants in every major city, in every principal section—and in a lot of places, too, that people call "backwoods."

The list of our contracts in the south is big and impressive; to cite only a few of them—Alabama Dry Dock, Aluminum Company of America, American Tobacco, General Motors-Chevrolet, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Libbey-Owens-Ford, Shell Oil, and the Republic Steel Corporation, which Tom Girdler once swore, by all he keeps holy, would never sign a CIO union contract.

CIO can be proud of its achievements south of the Mason and Dixon line, and workers can take equal pride in the manner that their organizations have developed during the last decade.

So it's obvious that the plow has already broken the plain. What we're going to do in the next few months is extend the boundaries of southern unionism. We're going to organize until we're blue in the face—on a 24-hour a day basis—but we're going to build our unions.

No cop or deputy sheriff is going to challenge the rigths of our organizers to do their job,or to question their Americanism. Organizers who have proved their mettle in the far reaches of the Pacific and on the Continent of Europe, and I don't envy the policeman or company stooge who tries to push them around or to deprive them of their constitutional liberties.

The cotton speculators who were wiped out in the price crash received a second heavy blow last week when hte cost of playing a juke box increased in many cities. Now it'll cost them a dime to hear "Stone Cold Dead In The Market."

New Meat Strike Threat Averted

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (LPA)—Possibility of an industry-wide meat packing strike was definitely ended last week when the United Packinghouse Workers-CIO signed a new contract with Cudahy Packing Co., one of the "big four" and submitted a new agreement with Swift & Co. to the firm's 23,000 union employes for ratification.

In addition, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen-AFL settled on a new contract with Swift as did the independent Brotherhood of Packinghouse Workers.

A landmark in the industry was achieved by the UPW in signing a new contract with the Tonin Packing Co., Fort Lodge, Iowa, which provides for 52 weeks of guaranteed employment each year for the 6000 employes.

UPW President Ralph Helstein announced that both the Cudahy and Tobin contracts call for an average increase of 15c an hour.

NLRB Report Shows Anti-Union Drive

Unfair Labor Practices Charges Reach New High

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (LPA) — Goverment figures last week substantiated labor's charges that large sections of industry and business have embarked on an anti-union campaign of large proportions. A National Labor Relations Board report for October showed that:

1—More charges of unfair labor practices were filed than in any month in the last 8½ years; the number of allegations of unfair labor practices, 566, was last exceeded in March 1936.

2—Charges of employer refusal to bargain increased 100% over the number of similar charges for the preceding month; in October, 222 such charges were filed compared with 11 for September.

Elections Are Highest

The NLRB also reported that "The number of collective bargaining elections conducted during the month, 726, was the highest in the Board's 11-year history. The total number of cases filed was of record proportion, being surpassed only by the number filed in August 1946. In October 1628 cases were filed, compared with the all-time high of 1651 for August."

Labor's suspicions were further verified with the disclosure that "The most frequent charge in the unfair labor practice cases filed was the allegation of discrimination for union activity or membership; this charge was made in 305 cases ,or 54% of the 566 cases received."

Tabulating the results of elections during the month, the NLRB found that:

1—AFL affiliates won 273 elecions or 64% of those in which they participated.

2—CIO affiliates won 248 elections or 73% of those in which they participated.

3—Unaffiliated unions won 30 elections, or 60%.

4—No union won a majority of the votes in 161 elections or 22% of all elections conducted.

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Lucille Ball And Hodiak Score In Tale Of Romantic Swindlers

"Two Smart People" Has Topnotch Cast in Fast-Action Hit Show

By Burny Zawodny

The story of two suave society crooks who find romance a stumbling block in the path of their respective careers as swindlers is deftly unfolded on the Valentine screen in "Two Smart People," M-G-M comedy drama starring Lucille Ball and John Hodiak.

The thief whose light fingers are as much at ease at handling a drawing room tea cup as in finding the right combination to open up a safe has been a basic character in many a drama of society chicanery, but "Two Smart People' avoids the pitfalls of the commonplace in a refreshing plot twist in which the hero openly admits his crime and places himself at the disposal of a trailing detective on the condition that he be given a five-day whirl with the girl he loves before giving himself up to the authorities.

Burny Zawodny

It is easy to see the comic possibilities of what follows, and "Two Smart People" makes the most of them. In a whirlwind courtship, Hodiak, as the man in the case, sweeps Miss Ball through a profusion of romantic interludes which begin when they attempt to outwit each other in a Beverly Hills hotel, continues in a series of diverting episodes on a train, makes a brief stop across the Mexican border and rises to a dramatic crescendo amid the colorful spectacle of a Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

So deft have the screen writers and Director Jules Dassin handled their material that, despite the fact that there is a laugh in almost every line of its dialogue and situations, there is at the same time a feeling of dramatic suspense underlying the story's lighter moments and one is never certain up to the end whether the crooks will live up to their word or whether they will make a getaway.

The vivacious Miss Ball and Hodiak are an ideal selection for the roles of the bantering pair of rogues and find themselves completely adequate at giving credulence to characterizations that might have seemed farfetched in lesser hands. They are given splendid support by Lloyd Nolan as the somewhat reluctant detective who accompanies them on their fateful holiday and who is some times hard put to prevent his captives from slipping out of his hands.

Other effective portrayals in the cast include those of Hugo Haas as a Mexican agent, Lenore Ulric as a romantic cafe proprietress, and Elisha Cook, Jr., as a sinister gangster. They help to make "Two Smart People" a diverting and engaging entertainment.

Writer Collects Data For New Action Film

HOLLYWOOD— Gathering first-hand story material for "Hardboiled," Paramount's Pine-Thomas action film about dynamiters and demolition squads on construction jobs, Milton Raileaes shortly for South Fontana California, to witness the dynamiting of a mountain top. The large blast will use 40,000 pounds of dynamite. It will be covered by Paramount Newsreel.

Raison has been traveling about the state, visiting construction sites where dynamiters and demolition experts have been working, collecting authentic incidents to include in the "Hardboiled" script.

Village For Movie Covers 400 Miles

HOLLYWOOD—Building of a French fishing village for "A Woman of My Own," starring Greer Garson and Robert Montgomery, extends over 400 miles of California.

Two hundred men have been working for the past four months on the construction job, largest in the history of M-G-M.

On one of the studio's lots, 35 buildings face a 200-square-foot harbor in which floats a fishing fleet of 12 boats. Each craft is between 35 and 40 feet long, with the set covering more than two miles.

Church and fair grounds, and a second 100-foot waterway, spread over another two miles on an adjoining lot.

Four hundred miles away, along the coastline of Monterey, Cal., M-G-M has built a duplicate village, highlights of which are a stone cottage overlooking the Pacific.

"THE VERDICT" OPENS AT STRAND THEATRE

"The Verdict," Warner Bros.' [redacted] his orchestra heading the musical portion of the bill.

Artie Dann, comedian, and The Three Arnauts, "a bird of an act," also are in the "in person" presentation.

BETTY'S MOTHERS

Ruth Donnelly, comedienne who plays Betty Hutton's mother in "Cross My Heart," and Mrs. Mabel Hutton, Betty's real-life mother, became fast friends during the filing of the Paramount picture

Margie and Her Beau

"My Sweet Embraceable You" would be an apt theme song for lovely Jeanne Crain and handsome Glenn Langan in this romantic scene from Twentieth Century-Fox's Technicolor comedy-drama, "Margie," which comes for the Xmas Holidays to the Paramount Theatre. In the film Jeanne plays a dual role—first as a sixteen-year-old high school girl, then as a mother of a fourteen-year-old daughter. Langan appears as a high school French teacher with whom Jeanne falls madly in love. The film's poignant and hilarious story is set against the background of the frivolous twenties, and reveals the rollicking antics and innocent escapades of teen-agers in a Midwestern city during those hey-hey days.

At M-G-M Red Skelton proudly displays his new Mexican Chihuahua dog to Marilyn Maxwell, his leading lady in "The Show-Off," which will mark the comedian's first film since his recent discharge from the Army.

Abel Green
Editor of Variety

Edited by Sidney Skolsky

A legend within his own time, a newspaperman's eye view of Al Jolson runs a curious gamut. This Variety mugg recalls an Al Jolson ad in Variety back in 1906 when he urged the agents, bookers and managers to "watch me . . . I'm a wow." This was in the heyday of vaudeville when bombast, like vaudeville, was King and every act had to blow its own bassoon to focus any roving agent's eye on them.

Show business, of course, did "watch" Jolie and he did prove a "wow" . . . a very audible, sound-synchronized wow 20 years later. Jolie's projection to the heights, however, never lost its humbleness. Show business was his life. Irving Berlin's incidental song, "There's No Business like Show Business"—part of the "Annie Get Your Gun" score—epitomized Jolson.

I've seen it illustrated in minute ways. For example: in the halcyon pre-war and pre-"Wall Street Lays An Egg" days. when tourists, in the late 1920's flocked to Paris, a figure along the Boulevard des Capuccines, front of the Cafe de la Paix, was Ikey— few people knew his last name. Ikey was fabulous. He'd just look at the tourists and say Denver Post, Minneapolis Star-Journal, Los Angeles Examiner, New York Times,Boston Post—and usually bat right. Show folks were pushovers. He'd spot 'em a mile away and no matter how stale the copy of Variety he peddled, he'd make a sale. Jolson was his particular target because Jolie ate up anything pertaining to his business (show business) and he'd part with 100 francs. That was in the of the 4 cent franc, and four dollars for somewhat dated copy of a 25 cent trade paper was really big business for Ikey.

The topper to Jolie's pride in his possessions was perhaps best illustrated when he owned that Encino California, estate. Outside the front door of the main house, to the right as he faced the pool, were a couple of fine tangerine trees. Jolie would love to reach up, passing to and from the pool, pluck a tangerine, look around proudfully, and observe, "Not bad for a black face comedian, eh?"

Laughing Lana

POSSESSOR of one of the most friendly laughs in Hollywood is honey-haired Lana Turner, who is now before the M-G-M cameras making "Green Dolphin Street."

Diana Lynn Honored By Indian Journalists

HOLLYWOOD— Members of the India Film Journalists Association, comprised of film critics on all leading newspapers and magazines published in India, have named Diana Lynn, Paramount star, one of the top six stars of the year, according to a cable received recently from Bombay.

Others named were Kishore Sahu, Sabu, Sobhana Samarth, Red Skelton and Esther Williams.

In informing Miss Lynn of the honor, Fagir Mohammed, founder of the I. F. J. A., declared that Indian film-goers want to see the popular young Paramount actress in an Egyptian role because she "possesses Oriental features."

Miss Lynn was surprised at this observation but expressed her graditude to the Indian journalists. Presentation of awards to the "big six" takes place in Bombay December 1, and Diana will be honored in absentia. She recently completed "Easy Come, Easy Go" at Paramount.

Jeanne Crain Shines In Her Greatest Role

Because she found it almost impossible to keep her eyes open in any strong light, Jeanne Crain almost missed out on her career as a motion picture star.

Jeanne, who stars in Twentieth Century-Fox's nostalgic Technicolor comedy-drama, "Margie," with Glenn Langan, Lynn Bari and comedian Alan Young, has since conditioned herself so that she no longer squints, blinks or wears dark glasses.

The conditioning took place two thousand miles from the studio when she was on location for her first picture, "Home in Indiana," Jeanne says, recalling that "the light was so srong I just couldn't keep my eyes open, and I spoiled take after take. At the studio no director would have put up with me, but it would have taken at least a week to get a replacement so they almost had to keep me in the part.

"I was never so discouraged in my life. I knew this picture was my big chance and I decided to get medical advice. Luckily for me, the doctor I consulted believed in exercises and vitamin pills. A few days later I was all right and perhaps because I still take my exercises, I haven't been bothered by strong light since."

In a crying scene in "Margie," in which Jeanne has the dual role of portraying a 34-year-old mother and a demure high school girl, she had to give her eyes a real workout. The method she employs to give with genuine tears is simple, she claims. When she was 13 she went to a matinee of "Mary Stuart." During the scene where the actress said her last goodbyes to her servants and friends, the organ played "Ave Maria," after which the rear curtains were pulled and the executioner was shown. Jeanne says, "I sobbed my eyes out, so now I bring the 'Ave Maria' record along whenever I need it. All I have to do is listen to the music and think about that scene. It makes me cry every time."

One development in Jeanne's life—her marriage of a few months ago to Paul Brinkman, a radio executive—causes her to shed no tears. Recently, the couple began building a home near Hollywood, which she says is her dream come true.

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Also Bing Crosby, Gloria Jean in "IF I HAD MY WAY"

Benny Is Presenting Christmas Program

The Jack Benny program Sunday, December 22 (7 p. m. EST over NBC), will bring back to the Waukegan Wit's microphone for old favorites of past Benny programs in a special Christmas show for wounded war veterans.

Making a special appearance on the Benny show for auld syne in a broadcast from Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital at Van Nuys, Calif., will be Andy Devine, Kenny Baker, Larry Stevens and Sam "Schlepperman" Hearn, all past stalwarts of Benny radio programs who gained at least some measure of their fame working with the spend-thrift comedian.

A special feature of the broadcast will be singing of Christmas carols in trio by Kenny Baker and Larry Stevens, both of whom formerly occupied the the tenor spot on Benny program, and the present singer on the Show, Dennis Day. The rest of the Benny gang—Mary Livingston, Phil Harris, Rochester and Don Wilson—will be right there, too, of course.

NOVEL FAN GIFT

Latest addition to Latin songstress Lina Romay's rag doll collection is one made by a Los Angeles fan and stuffed with used ticket stubs to the M-G-M singer's past radio broadcasts at Hollywood radio stations.

Omaha Asks Astaire Not To Quit Films

HOLLYWOOD — At the request of Mayor Charles Leeman, Omaha's City Council on Nov. 12 passed a resolution asking Fred Astaire, Omaha's No. 1 citizen, to reconsider his retirement from the screen. Mayor Leeman explained to the Council that Astaire had hung up his dancing shoes on completion of the Paramount film "Blue Skies," and in view of the fact the King of Dance is a native of Omaha, it would be fitting for the citizens of this city to start a movement asking him not to quit. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the six Councilmen.

Kickoff for the petition to Astaire was held in the lobby of the Paramount Theatre and will continue for several weeks. More than a thousand names were signed the first day.

This is Vonne Lester, newest movie starlet, discovered behind a drug store counter by a talent scout. She ought to be twins: Vonne and Vonne would make two — of the pleasantest items we could want in any swimming pool.

New Bubble Bar Opens

Hank Skampo's Bubble Bar, which was almost totally destroyed by fire just a year ago, has been completely rebuilt and is now open, he hopes, for the same big business it enjoyed before that catastrophy.

Hank has spared no expense in remodeling his new Bubble Bar, which contains everything new, from the smooth terrazza floor to the ultra-modern sound ceiling.

Recessed in and flush with the indirectly lighted ceiling, Hank has installed Toledo's most modern sound system, which produces perfect, even undisturbed quiet music to every seat in the house.

Hank is also offering something new in the way of entertainment with two fine bands playing afternoons and evenings. Bud Zeigler's Trio promotes the afternoon session and Fats Mason's orchestra rocks the dancers at night.

Texas No Heaven For Bobby-Soxers

HOLLYWOOD — Texas' teenagers don't wear bobby sox, take James Craig's word for it.

The virile M-G-M actor received a gift on the set of "The Personal Touch" from a group of adolescent fans in the Lone Star State. The present was a pair of high-heeled cowboy boots, elaborately hand carved. The letter read: "This is to prove girls in Texas don't wear bobby-sox. We wear cowboy boots and like 'em. Because you're from Texas, we thought you would too."

What the girls probably didn't know is the Craig's off-stage attire almost always includes a pair of the western boots!

Donath Cast In "Assigned To Treasury"

Ludwig Donath, currently receiving critical and public acclaim for his performance as Al Jolson's father in Columbia's Technicolor production, "The Jolson Story," has been assigned to an important role in Columbia's Dick Powell starrer, "Assigned to Treasury."

Donath will portray Sokim, shrewd operator of a rickshaw garage in Shanghai, where Powell, a U. S. Narcotics Bureau agent, comes in pursuit of an international dope ring.

"Assigned to Treasury" will be produced by Sidney Buchman with the sanction and cooperation of the U. S. Treasury Department. Robert Stevenson will direct from the original screenplay by Jay Richard Kennedy, who also serves as associate producer. The story is based on case histories from files of the Narcotics Bureau, made available to Kennedy by the Treasury Department.

NO COLLEGE HERO

Sonny Tufts, star of Paramount's "Cross My Heart," made the football squad at Yale but cheerfully confesses he rarely left the bench.

Best Foot Forward

GLORIA DE HAVEN seems to have emerged into full-blown maturity—or hadn't you noticed. Only yesterday a Hollywood juvenile, she will soon be seen in a major role in the M-G-M musical extravaganza, "Till The Clouds Roll By."

JUNE ALLYSON claims that a hand-stand in bed every morning helps eliminate sleeping-kinks and starts off her ready for an active day at the M-G-M Studios, where she has been working in "The Secret Heart."

Fake Jewel Or Not . . . It's Police Guarded

HOLLYWOOD — In Columbia's newest mystery-thriller, "The Lone Wolf in Mexico," featuring Gerald Mohr, Eric Blore and Sheila Ryan, one scene concerns the theft of a diamond pendant which, for the picture purpose, is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Of course, the diamond in the scene is just an imitation of a real jewel—but what an imitation! The stone is a copy of the world-famous Rajput diamond, and is worth several hundred dollars in its own right.

Each time the stone is used in a scene, a studio guard stands nearby, and when it has finished its "sparkling" role before the camera, the guard returns it to the property department safe.

"THE UNSUSPECTED" TO GO BEFORE CAMERAS LATE IN DECEMBER

"The Unsuspected," initial production of the newly formed Michael Curtiz Productions Inc., is scheduled to go before the cameras some time late in December.

Dana Andrews, Virginia Mayo, Cathy O'Donnell, Claude Rains and Eve Arden head the cast of the new film, based upon the Saturday Evening Post novelette by Charlotte Armstrong.

America's Sensational Thriller Coming To Town Hall Theatre Week of Dec. 30

According to the leading dramatic editors in Boston and the principle cities of the New England States where Leonard Altobell and Alfred Cohan produced a number of plays at their Stock theatre in Springfield, Mass. "Rope," a sensational and humorous thriller was one of the most outstanding of some twenty plays presented for different Broadway managers.

Leonard Altobell and Alfred Cohan quickly realized the possibilities for such a skillfully written melodrama for a tour of the principle cities and immediately signed a contract with Patrick Hamilton the author to make the presentation. Patrick Hamilton, as will be remembered, wrote that delightfully charming thriller "Angle Street" one of the most successful plays of the past ten years.

The boys spent much time in selecting a perfectly fitting cast and were fortunate in persuading John Carradine the celebrated stage and screen star to head the cast which includes such artists as Lawrence Slade, Kurt Richards, John Hewitt, Gene Lyons, Margaret Parmentier, J. Roland Hogue, Elise Bernard and others of Broadway reputation.

As will be recalled Carradine was featured in such screen plays as "Captain Kidd," "Grapes Of Wrath," "Winterset," "Kidnapped," but even though he was obliged to forestay a picture committment, he is delighted to star in "Rope" often called the "tops" in humorous thrillers, if for no other reason than hearing the applause of an audience "in person." Carradine recently terminated his contract with Elizabeth Bergner on Broadway and who was seen here last season in "The Two Mrs. Carrols."

A most amazing setting has been designed by Harry Gordon Bennett and constructed by the United Studios of Brooklyn.

A special matinee will be given New Years Day and also on Saturday at a popular scale of prices. Mail orders for seats are being accepted at the Town Hall theatre office and will be filled before the regular sale of seats is opened.

Town Hall

JOHN CARRADINE

Popular stage and screen star to be seen at the Town Hall Theatre in America's sensational and humorous thriller "Rope," coming to Toledo week of Dec. 30.

Studio Firms Announce Dissolution Of Contract

Warner Bros. and Arrowhead Productions, Inc., have announced jointly the amicable dissolution of their contract.

Arrowhead, organized in September of 1944, moved into its Warner Bros. studio offices at that time but earlier commitments for "The Robe" and other pictures by Mervyn LeRoy, director of Arrowhead, forced Arrowhead to postpone, several times, production activity at Warner's.

Continued delay of LeRoy's outside commitments, particularly "The Robe," led LeRoy to suggest termination of the agreement because Arrowhead could not become operative for sometime to come.

"Under the circumsetances which delayed Arrowhead from commencing operations at Warner Bros., "LeRoy stated, "I felt the studio did not have to wait until I had fulfilled my obligations for 'The Robe' and other pictures."

LeRoy further stated that Arrowhead Productinos would be maintained as a corporate entity for future production activities. Warner Bros. expressed complete understanding of LeRoy's viewpoint and agreed to the friendly termination of the contract with Arrowhead Productions.

'Yearling' Hero Is Bewildered Actor

HOLLYWOOD — Autograph seekers, says Gregory Peck, are one phenomenon he will never understand.

Among actors, the hero of "The Yearling" is one of Hollywood's best known players. He is seldom bothered by signature fans, however, since his roles are so varied, they seldom recognize him on the street. For two months, however, he has been asked for his autograph so often, he's getting writers cramp!

"I wonder," mused Peck, "if they mistake me for Lionel Barrymore?"

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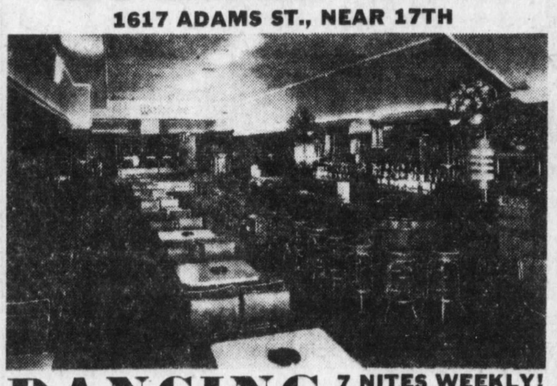

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Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

We wonder who the brother is from 25 Stock who drove in Park 3 in such hurry about 7:25 a. m. Dec. 10th, jumped out of his 1941 Oldsmobile and rushed into the factory leaving his motor running and his lights on. It must have been urgent or he would not have taken the chance of letting someone drive it away.

A short time ago a couple of our gals who bowl on the Twin Oaks team tried out that old dodge of follow the leader, thinking they were far enough ahead. But, alas and behold, Mary Kern and Hazel Gray who work in Dept. 267 both had spares and Mary's first ball slid in the gutter and Hazel, not to be outdone, did the same.

If you have been reading the daily paper lately you must notice how much publicity that great idea of an annual wage is receiving? We hope it can be carried out so we will all be able to figure from month to month how much will have to live on.

Wonder if the next Congress is going to be reactionary on account of the coal miners strike and how much it is going to hurt the rest of the Unions in their demands for more money to close the gap between runaway prices and stablized Wages? We know of one way that will help and that is joining a cooperative. This is the only way we can cut our living expenses. It costs you five dollars to join and fifty dollars for a share. This may seem a lot of money to you, but at the end of the year it will look like pennies when you get your dividends. A group of Spicer Unit members are going to establish a cooperative in West Toledo and every Local No. 12, UAW-CIO member has been invited to join.

We have often wondered why the Safety Codes of the State of Ohio cannot be enforced and why they have long beards of moss attached to them. They were originally written up in 1923 with very little revision since then. The AFL has had all the say in its original form with industry. Now that CIO wants to make changes with the few brohers who have been allowed on the board, it is causing a terrific headache to the construction workers who have always dominated it.

Because the overhead doors on the south end of the subway just outside of the factory hospital, which are supposed to be operated by electric motors but have been operated by hand chains, do not work, I would like to suggest to the management that they remove these motors and install compressed air and then we could be sure these doors would operate satisfactory.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dwain Ashcraft upon the loss of his daughter.

Our traveling bowling team will leave for Toledo, Saturday for the return home and home game with Local 12. Good luck, boys, and better luck this time.

Editor's Note: The team was here and lost the series by a few pins. The Toledo boys enjoyed the home-and-home series and would probably go for more of same after the first of the year.

Got Any Candidates

ST. LOUIS (LPA) — Anticipating the weakening or end of effective ceilings on rents, the St. Louis Labor Tribune last week announced a Greater St. Louis "Landlord's Hall of Shame" column in the AFL weekly. Occupants of the unique column will be those landlords who by their greed deserve "the searchlight of pitiless publicity." If and when housing becomes less scarce, the paper urges, such landlords who now exploit their tenants should be boycotted.

Ayling Reichert News

Dana Redman and Marie Campbell, after eating candy bars all day long, run after the bus every night to keep their girlish figures.

Mary Fetters says that money talks but that she can't keep it long enough to find out what its saying.

The girls followed Kate McCoy home from work and held a birthday surprise party on her. Kate's our new Unit secretary.

What makes Marge Kirchman blush when you mention that fur coat and pretty blouse.

Beatrice Galvin going home for dinner reminds one of a mother hen with her brood in tow. It seems she takes half the shop with her.

We deeply sympathize with Madge Welch who just lost her mother.

It can't be the old maid in her that caused Joyce Thomas to hold that cat on her lap while she worked. She just got hitched.

If Vira Slone would listen to her radio, it would pay her to stay home. She was called on one of those "were you listening programs" recently and missed out on $20 when she wasn't.

The $64 question: Who does Father Curtiss come down to the check to check on?

Look ma, your daughter, Laura Gladieus, isn't a monkey. She's just full of fun. We like it.

"Oh Where, Oh Where Can Rhoda Murphy Be?" The latest shop song.

Bessie Blase has reformed. No smoking, no drinking, no nothing—and all for Marty.

Toledo Stamping Notes

By Gertie Mason

Gertie Dombroski knows how to keep papa home at night. Hope he likes the twain that wuns on da twack she bought him for Christmas.

Members of the bowling team want to thank Mr. Lasker and Mr. Snyder for the new bowling blouses and the Christmas party. They really appreciate it.

We are all sorry to hear of the passing of Ann Plichcinski. She served faithfully as a member and officer of The Unit and was a faithful worker in Local 12.

We are looking forward to the return of all those who were laid off.

Lookie girls. There's a nice-looking fellow working on the first trick and he likes fried chicken, southern style.

Gertie Mason just woves to hold little boys especially if their name is B.

Your new editor will do all she can to get all the news. You can help by telling her things that would look good in print. And so, after this first stint, I want to extend my best wishes to all the people in the shop for a Merry Christmas and the wishes of the people in the shop to all our fellow members of Local 12 for the same kind of a Christmas.

British Labor Keeps Winning

LONDON, Dec. 18 (LPA)—In the 18 months that have passed since the Labor Party came to power, it has not lost a single seat in Parliamentary by-elections. This record was maintained last week as Labor held the seats of Kilmarnock (in (Scotland) and Aberdere (in Wales).

The Labor Party also won two by-elections for seats in Parliament in the London boroughs of Paddington and Rotherhithe. In Rotherhithe, a working-class dockside area, the Conservative candidate got so few votes that he forfeited his deposit. There had been great interest in Paddington, a middle-class area that was expected to give a good indication of whether Labor's grip on the middle-class vote has slackened. Here the Conservatives did better, but increased their vote over that in the 1945 general election by less than 100.

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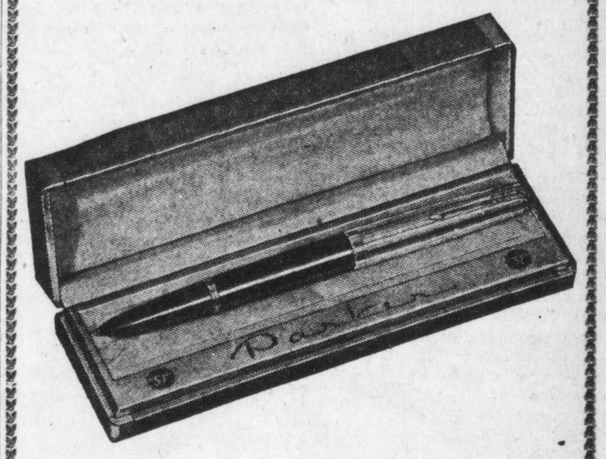

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PATRONIZE UNION JOURNAL ADVERTISERS

Monopoly Is Strangling Nation's Business—Q. E. D.

By Ben Dor, LPA Columnist

I have been sitting before my typewriter for almost 15 minutes. I have started to write four different times, and torn out the paper each time. I still don't know quite what to say about this book. (Cartels In Action, by Stocking and Watkins; 20th Century Fund.)

It's a book about cartels. Yes, another one. It's getting to the place where we can fairly say that the road to monopoly is paved with books on the subject. Every few weeks, another book comes out that tells how American big business monopolies are drawing tighter and tighter the ropes about the legs and arms of American business. Pretty soon, that rope will reach the throat of American business, and then the whole game of democracy will be over.

A lot of these books are very good. This one is, too. The stories it tells are well and carefully told. The facts and the figures to illustrate them are all there. There's an index in the back to help you find the dope you want on each of the subjects. The case against monopolies is proved right up to the last charge and period.

What To Do?

And when you get all through reading it you say to yourself, "Now what? What do we do, what else can we possibly say that will make any difference?"

When I read the introduction to the book I got the feeling that the two men who wrote it felt the same way. Frustrated, and a little hysterical.

These are not labor people writing. The 20th Century Fund that put out the book is not a labor organization. But the whole bunch evidently feel the same way about monopolies as a lot of labor people feel after going into the subject and seeing where business practices are taking us.

If you don't believe that these men felt at least a little hysterical after finishing their study take a look at pages 12 and 13, right in the first chapter. Never before have I seen anyone come so close to calling business men liars, and yet not quite do it.

The authors say, just as I'm sure you have said in your own speeches, that what business men say is not what business men do; that if business men believe in free enterprise, you can't tell it from the way they act; that this stuff about the consumer having anything to say is a lot of bunk; and that the advertising people are busy kidding both business and us into thinking that enterprise is still free.

"Truths" They Say

And that's only one paragraph. In another, the writers say that free enterprise is something to talk about, but it's no longer a way of life in the business world; that the "truths" business men profess to believe in and the truths they really live by are no longer the same thing at all. This, the authors say, "is one of the most significant, and disturbing, revelations of this survey."

The authors show how it works in different fields—sugar, rubber, nitrogen, steel, and four others just as important. Perhaps you know all about it, and don't need this book. But I think you'll find in it a lot you haven't seen before, because it is so carefully and fully worked out.

The only way we're ever going to make a dent in the problem, however, is to get other people as worked up over monopolies as we are. If that kind of a campaign isn't going on in your local, it should be. If it is, this book will help.

Must Work Fast

But we've got to work hard and fast. Time is running out fast, and we're losing ground even faster. Wendell Berge, the head of the Justice Department's Anti-Trust Division, who has been doing a fighting job, has the skids under him, according to the papers. Evidently the government isn't going to give you much help unless it's forced to.

Forcing it to means education and agitation, it means political organization and political action. In case you want facts, this book is one of those that will give them to you. In case you're really serious, here's a list of some other recent books that will help too. If you get any ideas that will help us to attack this, the greatest danger of any of our political and economic lives, blow some my way, please!

Stocking and Watkins, Cartels in Action, Twentieth Century Fund, 1946, $4.00; David Lynch, The Concentration of Economic Power, Columbia University Press, 1946, $5.50; David Lasser, Private Monopoly, The Enemy At Home, Harper and Brothers, 1945, $3.00; Wendell Berge, Cartels, Challenge To A Free World, Public Affairs Press, 1944, and Borkin and Welsh, Germany's Master Plan, Duell, Sloan and Pierce, 1943, $2.75.

Awaited

Unionists in most parts of the country will soon hear Patrick Gordon Walker, one of Britain's youngest and most brilliant Cabinet members, who will visit the U. S. on a speaking tour in January. Prominent in Labor Party circles and as a Member of Parliament, Gordon-Walker at 39 is deputy floor-leader of the House of Commons. During the war he made numerous trips into Germany during the Nazi period to contact underground leaders. On his U. S. tour he will tell of the Labor government's aims and achievements, and will be sponsored by the Union for Democratic action which has both AFL and CIO leaders on its board of directors.

Britain's Union Membership Is Down

LONDON (LPA) — Trade union membership in the United Kingdom was about 7,803,000 at the end of 1945, a decrease of 223,000 compared with 1944, the Ministry of Labor disclosed last week. Nearly all the reduction was in the number of women, whose membership dropped 214,000 during the year to 1,597,000.

British union membership is spread over 765 unions, but 477 of these have less than 1000 members each. Fifteen unions, each with more than 100,000 members, accounted for 4,978,000 members, nearly two-thirds of the total. Twenty-five other unions with more than 25,000 members represented another fifth. Union membership reached its highest point in 1920 with a total of 8,348,000.

Congress Liberals Map Battle Plans

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Legislative methods of staving off an expected flood of anti-labor laws in the next Congress will be discussed at a caucus meeting of progressive Democratic senators this week.

Spearheading the efforts to prevent the 80th Congress from becoming the complete captive of reactionary Republican forces are Senators Glen Taylor (D., Idaho), James Murray (L. Mont.), Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) and Herman Eberharter (D. Pa.)

Defense of existing labor and social legislation plus a renewed fight for extension of New Deal measures will be the chief subjects on the agenda.

Wage Law To Be Soon Urged

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Legislation calling for a guaranteed annual wage in basic industries such as steel and coal will be introduced in the next Congress by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D. Wyo.), the senator disclosed recently.

O'Mahoney's proposal will have behind it the authority of a favorable study of the problem made by a special advisory group of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion which held that a guaranteed wage need not cost employers more than six per cent of their total payroll. According to O'Mahoney, companies guaranteeing an annual wage would be given special tax reductions.

The Wyoming senator also revealed that he had asked President Truman to support such legislation. Although he said he could not report the President's reaction, O'Mahoney pointed out that Truman had remarked in a press conference that "since we know our national economy cannot be carried on without mining coal and pouring steel, we should guarantee an annual wage."

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TWUA Wins New Wage Increases

BOSTON, Dec. 18 (LPA) — Ten-cent-an-hour wage increases for 90,000 cotton textile workers in New England and the mid-Atlantic states were won last week by the Textile Workers Union of America-CIO. TWUA President Emil Rieve immediately announced that the union would open a drive for a 15c-an-hour hike throughout the south "to bring southern cotton textile wages into line with those in the north."

Rieve also disclosed that negotiations for general wage increases of 20c--an-hour for 85,000 woolen and worsted workers will begin on Dec. 19. TWUA contracts with 158 woolen and worsted mills in 20 states expire on Feb. 1.

Rieve contended that the industry can well afford to pay the wage demands. "Between 1939 and 1946," he said, "woolen and worsted profits before taxes rose from $26,600,000 to $194,000,000. During the same period, profits after taxes rose from $20,8000,000 to $128,000,000. It is obvious from these figures that the employers are abundantly able to meet the union's demands."

Phoney Peace Ideas Floor Labor Groups

Anti-Labor Legislation To Be Pushed In New Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (LPA) — Labor found itself deluged last week with phony formulas for industrial peace — all of them holding piously that strikes should be discarded no matter how high living costs rise or corporate profits soar.

Words like "discipline", "restraint," "moderation" and "responsibility" were flung around by conservative economists, government officials and big business spokesmen addressing trade metings and conventions, but underlying each pronouncement was the certainty that no matter what labor did or did not do in combatting the growing discrepancy between take-home pay and living costs, anti-labor legislation would be pushed to the hilt in the new Congress.

The anti-labor forces found no discouragement, moreover, in President Truman's press conference statement, that if it had not been for srikes delaying reconversion his wartime emergency powers would have been terminated before now. The chief executive had nothing to say about industry's numerous profit strikes nor the basic causes underlying most work stoppages since VJ-Day. The implication was that labor, and only labor, was to blame.

Speculate On Message

Truman indicated, in addition, that he was inclined to retain his emergency powers, particularly under the Smith-Connally Act which is opposed by all sections of labor. Meanwhile, both labor and business circles were still speculating on whether Truman, in his state of the union message to Congress in January, will call for restrictive legislation directed against labor. Business sources suggested that if Truman wants anti-labor legislation there is no need for him to stick his neck out—that the Republicans are committed to do the job for him.

Truman's labor opinions will be given to Congress in both the state of the nation address and in the report prepared by his Council of Economic Advisers.

Economists Work Overtime

Economists and industrial leaders worked overtime to provide ammunition for GOP Congressional labor - haters. Dr. Sumner H. Slichter, Harvard economist, told the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association that "the first step in holding down prices is to avoid wage increases which could compel further price advances. Employers would serve themselves, labor and the community by refusing to make wage increases which require price increases." This was excellent grist for the mills of such employers as General Motors whose president, Charles E. Wilson, declared that "Car prices will go up 25% if wages go up 25%."

The only way to raise wages, said the head of the world's richest corporation, was through technological progress. For good measure he threw in demands for the outlawing of the closed shop and industry-wide bargaining.

New ILO Is Needed—Watts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 — (LPA) — Returning from the ILO Textile conference in Belgium, AFL international representative Robert Watt last week told LPA that he found a definite need for an AFL European office to coordinate relief activities of trade union groups. No definite decision has yet yet been made, according to Watt, to open such an office.

Referring to the resentment voiced by the French Communist trade union leaders to reports of plans for an AFL office in Paris, Watt stated that the AFL has no desire to set up an office anywhere unless the trade union movement in that country is willing and anxious to cooperate wholeheartedly.

While not to optimistic about the future, Watt believes that the most urgent need in Europe is the development of an integrated economy, which necessarily involves the rehabilitation of the German economy. He doesn't believe that any real effort is being made by the major world powers or by the countries themselves to bring this about.

Prices Still Are Rising

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 — (LPA) — Higher clothing prices as a result of the end of price control were reported last week, as the Bureau of Labor Statistics found price rises of 3.3% to 0.2% in the two weeks from Nov. 11 to Nov. 26, in twelve large cities surveyed. Food prices continued to advance as much as 2% in some cities in the same short period.

All in all, the government figures indicate, a penny was taken out of every dollar of the city consumer during the half-month period.

Wholesale commodity prices continued high, foreshadowing further high prices for consumers. Food prices declined, but only slightly, and the effect was not expected to reach the consumer for some time. According to the BLS' figures released Nov. 30, wholesale prices were at the highest level since 1920.

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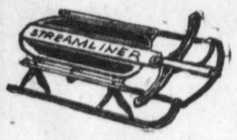

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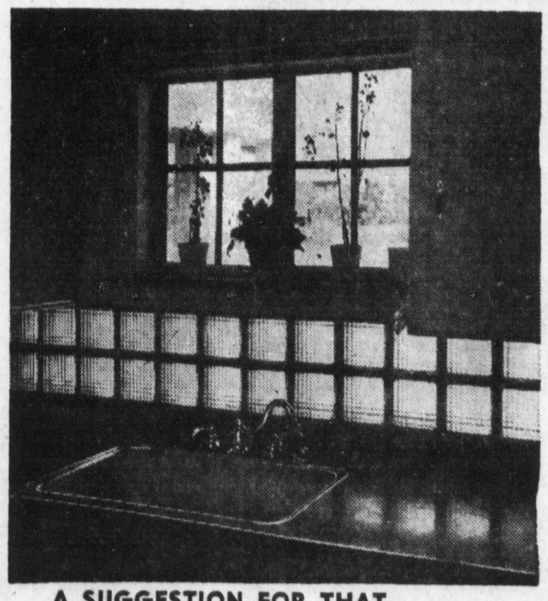

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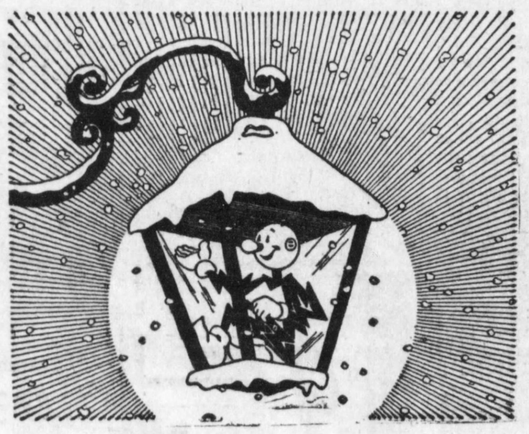

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Squads Will Aid

Aiding the committee will be members of the various shop Flying Squadrons, Willys-Overland, Mather Spring and National Supply.

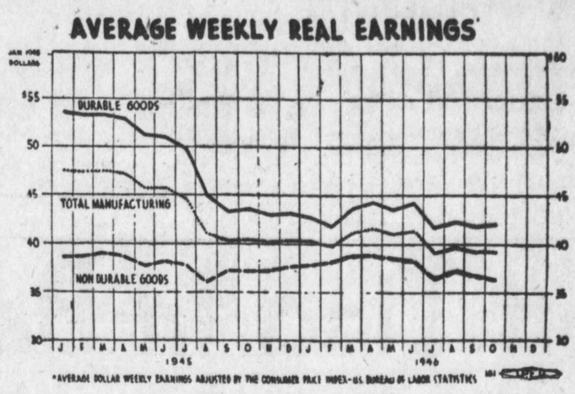
Doors of the auditorium will be open at 1 p. m. The show will begin promptly at 1:30 p. m. to be followed by distribution of gifts. Local 12 officials say that the party will be over in time to get everyone home before dark.

Union Aiding Church Study

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (LPA) —National AFL and CIO leaders were announced last week as members of the program committee for a National Conference on The Church and Economic Life scheduled by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for Pittsburgh Feb. 18-20.

Delegates to the meeting, said to be the first national church study conference on economic issues ever to be held in this country, will discuss the "severity of existing tensions within the economic order and the widespread confusion over the direction which economic life should take."

Named to the program committee were AFL President William Green; AFL Economist Boris Shishkin; President Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers-CIO; Kermit Eby, CIO director of research and education; President James G. Patton, of the National Farmers Union.



The beating which the nation's wage earners are taking is shown sharply in this chart. In terms of real buying power, average weekly earnings in manufacturing dropped more than $7 during 1945. Altho modest gains were made in dollar earnings since February 1946, the rise in prices, especially after June, more than devoured the increase. In October 1946 average weekly earnings — measured in what the January 1945 dollar would buy — were still $1 below January and $8 below Jan. 1945. This chart is part of a study prepared for the CIO by Robert E. Nathan Associates, economic consultants. (LPA)

CIO Warns Truman Of U. S. Economy

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nomic justification for the price increases which followed. Labor adequately proved its case that wage increases would not require prices to rise. The price rises which occurred reflected management's successful drive to abolish price controls. The OPA's 15th quarterly report bears out labor's position.

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation
Sports Editor

Almost everyone who bowls has heard of Ned Day and many keglers have read his books on bowling. Ned Day's stance at the start of the bowling delivery differs from that of most leading bowlers. Consequently his comments on stance command a lot of attention.

Birdie Rule

When Day takes his stance, instead of placing his feet together, his left foot is extended in front, the toe of his right foot being oposite his left heel. "I find that this enables me to start my walk easier," Day explains. "In fact, I rock my body slightly and the foot automatically starts forward to compensate for the shifting of the weight of the body."

Day does not recommend that bowlers who have been in the habit of standing with their feet together should necessarily change over to his style, but he does make this observation regarding the erect stance with the feet together.

"There is a tendency on the part of the bowler to tighten up when he is in this position," Day said. "As the bowler stands there looking at the pins, he begins to think of his chances of getting a strike.

"The muscles in his calves tighten. Then his leg muscles tighten and this tightness is transferred to his shoulder muscles, then down to his arms. At that point he is locked up tight. He finds it hard to get started. His movements are jerky.

"If you ever feel yourself tightening up, relax," advises Day. "Put your ball back on the rack for a moment. Bend your knees to eliminate that tightness. Then pick up the ball and you will find it a lot easier to bowl."

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Many Local 12 members are spending pleasant hours at their favorite sport of ice fishing. "Peanuts" Amborski, of the Spicer Unit, stopped in to say that he was having good luck fishing through the ice on the lagoons of Bolles Harbor, Michigan.

"Peanuts" says that he ran into a school of fine perch and caught 80 before the school ran out. He has a fine shanty and all the equipment necessary and would be pleased to have some of his Local 12 friends join him in some ice fishing.

No Fights

There will be no more amateur boxing shows sponsored by Local 12 until Monday, February 3, 1947.

Because of the number of boxing tournaments being planned for the near future, the Local 12 fighters will keep themeselves in readiness and will be entered in the YMCA city championship and the Golden Gloves tournament sponsored by the Toledo Times.

When the Local 12 boxing shows are resumed in February, it is hoped that one of the world's amateur boxing champions may be brought to Toledo for participation at the Civic Audiorium.

Basketball Managers Meet

Bob Barker, manager of the Local 12 Basketball League, has called a meeting of the team managers of both Divisions of the league for Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p. m.

Several important issues will be decided at this meeting and all managers are asked to attend without fail.

LOCAL 12 BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division

Team	W	L
DeVilbiss Unit	1	0
Plaskon Unit	1	0
Champion Spark Plug	1	0
National Supply Unit	0	1
Toledo Tools	0	1
Spicer Unit No. 1	0	1
National Division		
Spicer Unit No. 2	2	0
Gordon Mfg. Unit	2	0
Surface Combustion	1	1
Swartzbaugh Unit	1	1
Auto-Lite Unit	0	2
Toledo Tubes	0	2

Much Spent For Guns

Hunters in the United States during the past year spent almost $50,000,000 for guns and ammunition. This estimated figure is based on the excise tax returns on guns and ammunition under the Pittman-Robertson Federal-Aid-To-Wildlife Act which imposes a tax off 11 per cent on sporting arms and ammunition, creating a federal fund which is apportioned to the various states on the basis of land area and number of hunting license holders in each state.

Jeeps Play Bisons Monday

Continuing in their hot race for the leadership of the National Professional Basketball League, the Toledo Jeeps will take on the ever dangerous Buffalo Bisons, at 8:30 Monday night, in the Toledo University Field House.

The Bisons will use Don Otten, the tallest man in professional basketball and former Bowling Green University star. Otten is going great guns this year and is up near the top of individual scorers. Besides Otten, the Buffalo lineup will contain the name of "Pop" Gates who played with the New York Renaissance and who is the only colored player to be named to the "All Time" basketball team. The other members of the "All Time" team are Nat Holman, Bobby McDermott, Dutch Dennert, and Joe Lapchick.

The Buffalo Bisons are coached by the great Nat Hickey, who coached and played with the New York Celtics, world champions for several seasons, and who is reputed to be one of the best mentors in the game today.

The Jeeps, who were in a playing slump, came out of it to defeat Indianapolis and then lost a very close one to the Chicago Gears. The Jeeps are now playing at a .500 per cent clip but are getting stronger with each game.

There will be a preliminary game between the El Rancho Fliers and Buddies' Box Lunch, starting at 7:00 p. m.

Spicer, Gordon Tied In Basketball Lead

DeVilbiss Stops Auto-Lite Streak

Ed. Young's 612 Tops Scores In Leagues

Auto-Lite, which compiled a string of 33 straight victories in the Women's Local 12 League, bumped into DeVilbiss No. 2 team Sunday afternoon at Hagertys alleys and after the bowling session was over found themselves on the short end of the winning side. The Sprayers stopped the streak of the Lite girls which is a record in Local Leagues, in the first game of their session by a margin of 143 pins. The second game, a thriller all the way, had the DeVilbiss girls come out on top, winning it by one pin. The Lite girls came back in the third game to win by 31 pins.

Nellie Sloan started off for the DeVilbiss No. 2 team by splashing in a 197 game. Teammate Ann Veres had a 471 and it stood as the high series for the afternoon loop. The team took additional honors with high single team game of 743 and three game total of 2071.

Lakeside Biscuit made good progress in the standings by taking all three games from Toledo Industrial Rubber. DeVilbiss No. 1 didn't fare as well as their shopmates by losing three to Standard Communtators. In the other match between the two Willys teams found team No. 2 avenging an earlier season setback by winning two games.

Mather's Have Tough Break

In the Men's league at the Bowl-O-Drome Monday night, the league leading Willys team had their first place margin cut to two games by losing one to Toledo Press Steel while the second place Bingham Stamping polished off Standard Commutators for all three.

Leo Zielinski paced the automen to their two game victory on a series of 536 and had help from team mate John Sheehy who had 526. Andy Engelhardt was best for the Steel Team, having 100 pins more than any of his team mates could put together.

Jake Wisniewski with 524 and Jim Czerniak having 519 were the big guns for Bingham Stamping. Cap Wekwert did the best kegling for the Commutators.

Mather Spring, trailing by three games for the lead, had their title hopes blasted when two of their top bowlers were transfered to night work. They saw their slim margin diminish as they lost all three games to Hall Mfg. Ollie Wysocki and Ted Kline were the high bowlers for Hall and Tony Kosnek with 522 and Andy Dobrochowski who had a 506 were the best keglers for Mather.

Ed Komenda with 537 and Ben Ptakes contributing 530 was enough to take two games from Gordon Bumper. Earl Shaffer put up the best score for the Gordon team.

Spicer Gains

Spicer gained a game in the Men's breakfast league by wining three games from Mather Spring No. 2 team, while the Toledo Steel Tube dropped one to Mather Spring No. 1. Benny Zielinski, in the leadoff position for Spicer started with a 204 and 210 which looked like another 600 series for him but ran into tough luck in the last game finishing with 176 and a 590 series. He had help from John Sobecki on a 521 and anchor man Walt Lopinski's 557 to have high team series for the morning.

Ed Young pumped in a huge 247 in his second game for the Steel Tube and that was the game his team lost to Mather. Ed started his first game with a 168 and finished with 197 for 612, the highest series in the league this season. Dan Biler who contributed a 202 in the third game, found it just right to give the Steel team an 11 pin margin for the victory. He finished with 512 and teammate Dan Mlynarek helped along in the victories with a 525 series.

Gordon Bumper had but one man shooting a 500 series and that was strong enough to win three from Willys UAW. Tom Johnson went over that figure by 17 pins. Dutch Mohler performed the best for the auto team.

Inter-City UAW Bowlers

These are the bowlers who competed in the first Region 2-B Inter-City matches between the Local 12 All-Stars and Lima Locomotive, Local 106, Lima, Ohio.

In a home-and-home series, the Local 12 keglers made a clean sweep of three games in Lima and then took two out of three, last Saturday, at Tafelskis Palace alleys. A muskrat supper was enjoyed by both teams and many Local 12 members after the matches.

The bowlers are front row, left to right, Homer Theising, Mel Bogart, Hubert Green, Roy Sonderman, captain, Lloyd Winkler and Earl Moreo. Back row, Local 12 players, Art Sorge, Buddy Pacholski, captain, Cap Piojda, Joe Kurdys and Joe Ruth.

Frank Molik Sets Bowling Records

One of the best bowling scores of the present season was hung up by Frank Molik, chairman of the Gordon Unit of Local 12, when he gathered 646 pins, Tuesday night in his Unit league. Molik bowled games of 198, 213 and 235 to get high individual scoring honors.

Molik was responsible for his team, Maintenance, copping three games and capturing highest honors for a team single game, three game total, individual high score (235) and individual three game total (646). Other members of the Mainteanance team are Gerald Hyter, Marion Warns, Edward Lichon, and Earl Shaffer.

Two K.O.'s

Art Rae, popular light heavyweight of the Local 12 Athletic Club, went out of his weight class to win the heavyweight title in the Catholic boxing tournament, Wednesday night, in Civic Auditorium.

In the first bout, Art Rae scored a TKO over George Antoine with a series of left jabs and right hooks. In the second and final bout, Rae scored a clean knockout over Norbert Declerq in the second round of their scheduled five rounder. A smashing right to the jaw sent Declerq to the canvas for the count as the Local 12 battler was declared the winner.

Three Teams Tied In American Division

As the Local 12 Basketball League entered the third week of play two teams were tied for first place in the standings, the Spicer Unit No. 2 and the Gordon Mfg. Unit, with two wins apiece. The Swartzbaugh Unit, which last week pulled an upset by defeating the Auto-Lite Unit, former champions, were themselves defeated by a dark horse Surface Combustion five. The Auto-Lite and the Toledo Tubes teams are having a little dificulty in getting started and both have suffered two losses so far this season, with no victories.

In Wednesday's games in the National Division of the Local 12 Basketball League, at Scott High School the biggest upset came when the Surface Combustion team won a very close and hard fought contest from the Swartzbaugh players by the score of 33 to 31. Norm Schweikert, of the Swartzbaugh team, was the big gun in this game with a total of 22 points, but his teammates did not give him quite enough support although the Swartzbaugh team made a basket, which would have been the winning marker, after the final whistle had blown. Gene Valentine played a fine game for the winners and entered 11 points to his credit.

Bob Barker

The Spicer Unit No. 2 team gave a stunning defeat to the Auto-Lite Unit when they scored 46 points while holding the losers to 29. Joe Horvath was again the high man for the Auto-Lites, but the close guarding of Joe Lohman and Ezra Moore for the Spicer team helped considerably with the victory. Gene Ehrbright collected 14 points for Spicer, to make him top scorer, and the good all around play of the entire Spicer team spelled defeat for Auto-Lite.

The Gordon Mfg. Unit continued with a clean slate as they "put the business" to the Toledo Tubes and won by a overwhelming score of 59 to 17. Again Len Bode was high point man for the Gordon Unit as he sank the ball for a total of eighteen points. His teammates, Bill Zurowski and Bill Knapp, helped with the score as they scored 13 and nine points, respectively. Ollie Wilczynski was the bright light for the Toledo Tubes and played a good floor game while doing a fine job of guarding.

In the American Division of the Local 12 Basketball League, played Monday night in Point Place High School, the Champion Spark Plug team crashed into the win column when the Sparkies ran over the National Supply Unit by the score of 46 to 29. Mel Navarre, of the Champion team hit his stride and scored 21 points to make him high man for the night. He was aided by fine all-around play of his teammates. Jim Manera was high scorer for the National team as he sank the ball for 11 points.

In another good game, Ben Porter and Johnny Juhasz, former Central star teamed together to give the DeVilbiss Unit team a one-sided victory over the Toledo Tool boys by the score of 63 to 17. Juhasz counted 17 markers and Porter collected 13. The whole DeVilbiss team showed well in this game and gave good support to the basket makers.

The Plaskon Unit team won a close one from the Spicer No. 1 outfit as Cal Christianson took the spotlight with 15 poins besides playing a very good floor game for the winners. Teddy Hill was the main cog for the Spicer Unit players. He sank the ball for 12 markers and performed well at guard and was responsible for keeping the Plaskon score down as low as it was.

There will be no games played in the Local 12 Basketball League until after the holidays. Play will be resumed on January 6, 1947.

Babe Keller Visits Local 12

The Local 12 gymnasium was paid a visit last week by Pvt. C. C. "Babe" Keller, former professional fighter and member of the Spicer Unit of the Local.

Private Keller has been a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces for more than five years and has been in Germany for eighteen months. He is in Toledo to spend the holidays with his wife, Bernice, a member of the Champion Spark Plug Unit of Local 12 and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Keller of the Spicer Unit.

IMPRESSIVE RECORD

The 1946 Notre Dame football team scored 271 points while holding their opponents to a mere 24. Only four touchdowns were scored against the Irish and no team converted for the extra point after.

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